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BEFORE you ask, no, the Champions League has not expanded to 48 teams. At least not just yet. This year, printing deadlines and the congestion of the fixture list have conspired to prevent us from publishing our usual review of the 32-team Champions League draw in late August.

Instead, we have added all the teams in the 3rd qualifying round of the Champions League and the UEFA Cup qualifying round, making this issue our biggest ever guide to the European club competitions.

We've made a few changes elsewhere in this issue, with a new section, Inside Soccer, expanding our coverage of football finance and politics. I make no apology for giving more space to these issues – we would be doing you a disservice if we didn't cover them.

And our annual fixtures booklet is back by popular demand, although not with UK fixtures. As with last year, we have refused to take part in the English and Scottish Leagues' 'cash for fixtures' scandal. The information will, however, be available on our website, www.worldsoccer.com.

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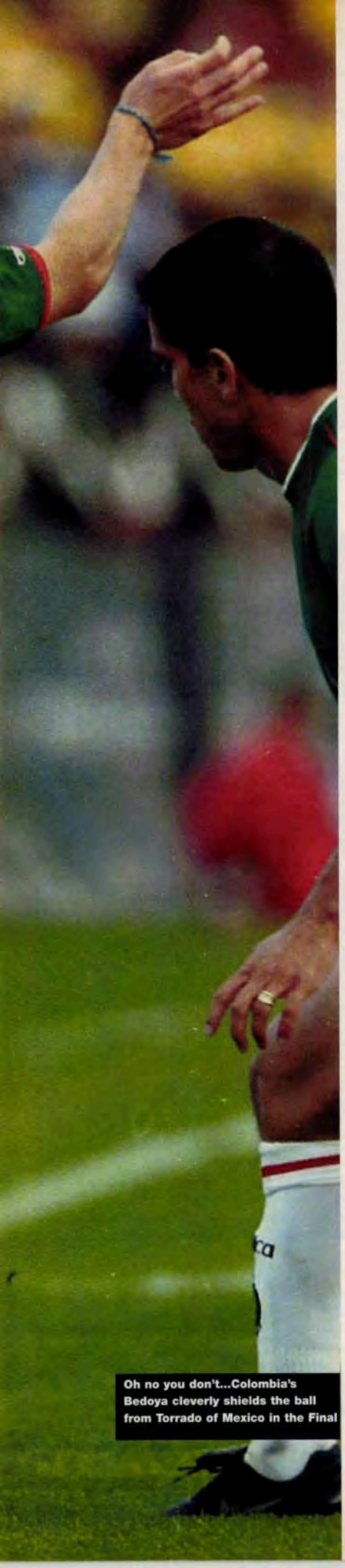

Oh no you don't...Colombia's Bedoya cleverly shields the ball from Torrado of Mexico in the Final

It's big, it's beautiful, it's ours...victorious Colombia lift the Copa America

Hosts with the most

Colombia take pride in their first Copa America victory

ON AND OFF the field, Colombia won the Copa America. The team lifted the trophy for the first time after beating Mexico 1-0 in the Final, and the nation basked in self-esteem when the controversial competition went off with hardly a hitch.

Fifteen years after having the 1986 World Cup taken away, Colombia nearly lost the Copa America. A spate of terrorist bombings and the kidnapping of the FA vice-president meant that after long hours of politicking, the tournament was first removed from the country, then re-instated but suspended until next year.

The sponsors and marketing company Traffic did their sums, saw how much they stood to lose and applied pressure. Less than a week before kick-off the South American federation announced that the tournament would go ahead as originally planned.

The abrupt change of music caught Argentina out of step. They refused to send a team. Honduras replaced them, and with Costa Rica coming in for Canada, the competition took on the air of a Latin American Championship, with nine teams from South America and three from Central America.

In the event security fears proved unfounded. The organisation was satisfactory, at least until the action reached Bogota for the Final. The most glaring glitch came a few seconds after kick-off, when parachutists were still landing on the field. One hurtled into advertising hoardings and had to be carried away on a stretcher.

But the tournament was not the hospital case that many had predicted. From the sweltering port of Barranquilla and the tropical salsa city of Cali to the cool evenings at altitude in Manizales and Bogota, the Copa America was a genuine party.

The Colombians were splendid hosts. Lovers of good football regardless of its origin, from taxi driver to hot-dog seller they were desperate to transmit a positive impression of their country.

Warmly appreciative that 11 countries had sent teams, the crowds created a wonderful atmosphere in the impressive stadiums. South America is too poor to send much travelling support, so unless the host nation takes an interest Copa America grounds can be sad and empty.

Ticket prices in Colombia were not cheap, but an average attendance of nearly 23,000 was a triumph. The crowd played a full part, enjoying football that was of a higher standard than anyone had a right to expect with so many experimental teams on show.

Tim Vickery

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● 16/07/01...After a run of four defeats, Brazil finally win a match, beating Peru in the Copa America with goals from Guilherme and Denilson

● 17/07/01...Uruguay and Costa Rica draw 1-1 to ensure that they both go through to the quarter-finals of the Copa America

● 18/07/01...Leeds manager David O'Leary is again mentioned as a possible successor to Alex Ferguson at Man Utd

● 19/07/01...Brazil reach the Copa America quarter-finals, after beating Paraguay 3-1. It is a fiery encounter, with two players being sent off

The Lions roar!

Mark Gleeson on Senegal's sensational qualification for the World Cup finals

FOR Senegal, reaching the quarter-finals of last year's African Nations Cup finals and, in the process, taking the hosts Nigeria into extra time before losing narrowly in Lagos, was a sensational result.

When the defeated Lions arrived home in Dakar, an estimated 20,000 fans were waiting to cheer them at the airport.

More than a year on and that performance pales into insignificance after the qualification of Senegal for the World Cup finals for the first time.

This time the celebrations were nationwide and joyous throughout the streets of one of the few African countries where the economy modestly ticks over and democratic elections are the norm rather than a rare exception.

New president Abdoulaye Wade cut short a state visit to Europe to fly home to meet the team on their return from Namibia, handing out a round of medals, the National Order of the Lion, for all involved in the surprise success.

It was a remarkable triumph for the Senegalese. When the qualifying group draw was made, the team's then coach, Peter Schnittger, burst out laughing after the Lions found themselves pooled with North African giants Algeria, Egypt and Morocco.

The German clearly felt his side had little chance of qualifying, but his successor, flamboyant Frenchman Bruno Metsu, has managed to achieve the impossible and take the side to the 2002 finals.

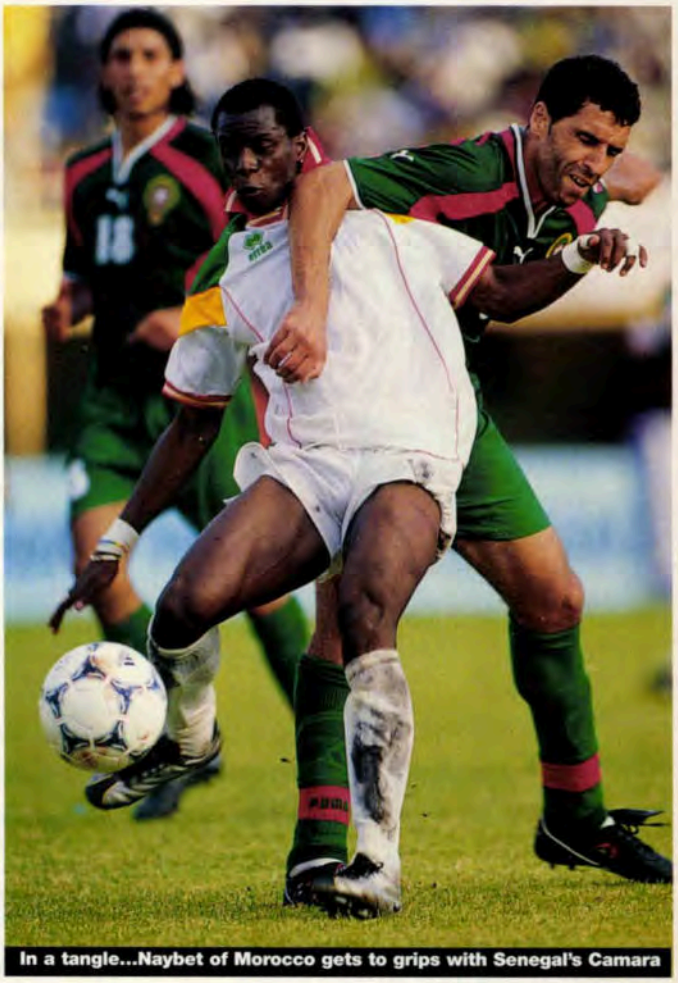
The real hard work was achieved with a 1-0 win over Morocco in Dakar in their penultimate match, denying the Moroccans the one point they needed to qualify and setting up a three-way fight in the final round of matches a week later.

Senegal had to win handsomely away to bottom-placed Namibia to go through and hope that Egypt, who were also still in contention, would fail in Algeria.

That is exactly what happened, with Senegal hammering their hosts 5-0 then getting the news minutes later that Algeria had held the Egyptians to a 1-1 draw.

Made it...Senegal fans celebrate

'The president cut short a state visit to meet the team and hand out a round of medals'



In a tangle...Naybet of Morocco gets to grips with Senegal's Camara

Senegal's success has come on the back of a consistent team selection, with 14 players based in France providing the backbone of the squad. Lens striker El Hadji Ousseynou Diouf scored eight goals in the qualifiers.

But it has not all been plain sailing for Metsu, who late last year was threatening to leave when his salary was three months overdue and his hotel and phone bills had not been paid as promised by the Senegalese sports ministry.

Even as he received his medal from the president after securing qualification, Metsu could not resist driving the point home.

Asked what his priority would be now in the months leading up to the World Cup finals, he said he wanted to "negotiate proper contracts for my technical staff".

The month in pictures

● 20/07/01...Parma rebuff an offer from Lazio for defender Fabio Cannavaro, believed to be £15million plus Paolo Negro and Simone Inzaghi

● 21/07/01...Gaizka Mendieta completes his £27m switch to Lazio, with president Sergio Cragnotti promising further signings

● 22/07/01...Tottenham confirm the £5.5m transfer of Christian Ziege from Liverpool, ending a disappointing 12-month spell on Merseyside

Q & A: Hristo Stoichkov

The abrasive Bulgarian on the old country and life in Chicago

Fiery...Stoichkov in Chicago strip

What have been the unforgettable moments in your career?
There are three I can't forget: winning the Golden Boot with a record 38 goals, the first Bulgarian to win it. Then May 20 at Wembley with Barcelona and the European Cup in my hands. Finally, winning the Golden Ball in 1994, when Cruyff and my wife hugged me.

What about the 1994 World Cup?
Even after all these years, I still can't take in what Bulgaria achieved. The best showing in our history, fourth place. And it was the first time – and surely the last – that a Bulgarian was chosen as the best player in the World Cup. Until now nobody has known but I played all the World Cup with a torn muscle. But I held up. Every day I had injections. Only the doctor, the coach and I knew. Not my family, nobody. I say this because when you have a strong personality you can overcome things.

Do you think Nike made Ronaldo play in the 1998 World Cup Final when he was not ready?
I wasn't there, but I think Nike got their way. Some day we'll find out.

What do you make of Ronaldo's recent injuries?
He went to Europe very young, at 16 or 17, much too young to keep up with the demands. I mean interviews, photo shoots, adverts, things other than football. He wasn't prepared. People took advantage of him, and still make a lot of money from him. These days, Ronaldo is 'merchandise'. This is bad for him and bad for soccer.

Some people say that you only play for Chicago Fire in MLS because it's a cushy job.
Not at all. I like to travel, to learn new things. I have worked in Bulgaria, Italy, Spain, Japan, Saudi Arabia, now here in the USA. It's nice to remember. That's why I always take a lot of photos where I go, where I've played. In spite of having played for the best clubs in the world, I always like to learn, and learn daily. And I want to teach the young players in the US. It's totally different in Europe than here.

Do you still have a temper?
Many people say I'm aggressive, that I foul and provoke others. I can provoke, but never do I go out to hurt anybody. But players don't provoke me. They play and come to hurt me. That's the difference. This is my profession. I have to be smarter than the other players, to play better and win the game. But I have never hurt another player. The day I do that I will leave the pitch too. But wanting to win is something else. I want to be the best, give my best.

Can the United States make it to the World Cup finals?
It's very difficult because the US has a very short history in soccer. Let's say from 1994 until now. Then there was the 1970s, when Cruyff, Pele and Beckenbauer were here. I have no doubt that the Americans will have a competitive team. But the MLS would be making a big mistake if it doesn't let its best players try the best leagues in Europe – Italy, France, Germany, and even Belgium – where they can learn more about being a true professional.

What about Bulgaria?
After Euro 96, the Bulgarian FA did everything possible to break up the team, and now it has done it. That's why the team is suffering. Maybe, once and for all, they'll listen to me.

Would you be interested in a position with the Bulgarian FA?
I'm not sure. Sometimes I am too quick to say things. I say what's on my mind and I call a spade a spade. That's why I could never be a politician. But my grandfather told me years ago, 'Don't change.' So I don't.

Interview: Keyvan Antonio Heydari

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"I'm not interested in the ages of players in the national team, only in their capacity to play at the highest level."
New Romania coach Gheorghe Hagi asks veterans Gica Popescu and Dan Petrescu to reconsider their decisions to retire from international football.

Because I'm worth it...Christian Vieri

"Moratti did well to hold on to me. I would never sell someone like me."
Christian Vieri after Internazionale president Massimo Moratti blocked his move to Juventus.

"Italian football is paranoid. In England, everyone enjoys themselves, fans and players."
Gianluca Vialli explains why he would rather coach Watford than a team in Serie A.

● 23/07/01...Franz Beckenbauer reveals he is to take a back-seat role at Bayern Munich as the club prepares to float on the stock exchange

● 24/07/01...Honduras stun Brazil in the Copa America, winning 2-0 to reach the semi-finals

● 24/07/01...Ronaldo returns to action for Internazionale, scoring twice in a 17-0 win over amateur side Bormiese

● 25/07/01...Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari says he fears the sack after his side's humiliating defeat by Honduras

Pele
OPINION

'Kewell and Viduka can shine for Australia'

SHOULD Australia qualify, then Harry Kewell and Mark Viduka can be two of the most significant players at the World Cup finals.

Every coach who takes his team into the finals knows that, more than anyone else, he needs players who can score goals. If you have that assurance you can take on anyone with confidence – even France or Brazil.

Kewell and Viduka are very different players. Kewell has a lot of pace, while Viduka has power and far more experience; the only criticism I would make is that perhaps Viduka's game is too predictable. Most important, they both play for the same club – Leeds United – which gives them extra inside knowledge of each other's game.

I believe in Australia's footballers. I know soccer is not the number one game there, but reaching the World Cup finals could make a big difference. Part of the trouble is that soccer in Australia is still considered an ethnic sport. That's got to be history now! The federation has worked hard to change that image but nothing can do the job as successfully as qualifying for the World Cup finals.

Then, all sports fans in Australia can see that their national soccer team have a role to play on the world stage. That's why Kewell and Viduka are so important.

Pele, MasterCard's football ambassador, was talking to Keir Radnedge

Q & A: Rui Costa

Milan's new signing from Fiorentina talks to Dominique Antognoni

Great provider...Rui Costa

WORLD SOCCER: When did you first find out that you were going to Milan? Had it all been settled for quite a while?

RUI COSTA: Not at all. I went off for my summer holiday in the Algarve knowing that I had to stay at least one more year at Fiorentina. Then, to my annoyance, I learnt from the press and my lawyers that negotiations had been going on, but that Fiorentina hadn't made any calls to me about it.

The last time I'd spoken to the directors was two days after we won the Coppa Italia and at that point I had practically signed a new contract with them. But I must point out that Milan spoke to Fiorentina first, and only then to me. That's the way these things are done. Whenever there has been any interest shown in buying me, it's not my views that are looked for.

It looked at one point as though Parma were certain of signing you.

They have always been very insistent,

OBITUARIES

BILLY LIDDELL

Billy Liddell has died aged 79 after a long battle against Alzheimer's disease.

Liddell, a winger, scored 229 goals in 536 appearances for Liverpool. He also won 28 caps for Scotland.

Many consider him to have been Liverpool's finest player.

When Liddell retired in 1960, he was considered as a candidate for team manager at Anfield, but the club appointed Bill Shankly instead.

JOE FAGAN

Former Liverpool manager Joe Fagan has died at the age of 80 after a short illness.

Fagan succeeded Bob Paisley as manager in 1983 and led Liverpool to an unprecedented treble of League, League Cup and European Cup during his first season in charge.

As a player, Fagan, a centre-half, appeared 148 times for Manchester City before spells with Altrincham and then Bradford.

Bill Shankly persuaded Fagan to join Liverpool as a coach, and he became assistant manager to Paisley when Shankly resigned in 1974.

Fagan announced his retirement before the tragic events of the 1985 European Cup Final against Juventus, when 39 fans died at the Heysel stadium in Brussels.

Euro champ...Joe Fagan (centre)

The month in pictures

● 25/07/01...Man Utd target Bixente Lizarazu is happy to stay at Bayern

● 26/07/01...Mexico reach the Final of the Copa America after beating Uruguay 2-1 in the semis

● 27/07/01...Hosts Colombia reach the Copa Final after overcoming outsiders Honduras 2-0 in the semi-finals

but it had concerned me a little that they never gave me time to think things through properly. Fiorentina were keen to sell me quickly and Parma were ready with the cash, but I needed to be able to think about what would be the best move for me.

And what did you decide?
I wanted to stay at Fiorentina. When I heard that they were going to have to sell some players, I was sure that I would never be one of them. When I found out that even I was up for sale, I felt really down – I even cried. I felt I had been lied to. Perhaps they were just embarrassed about telling me.

But presumably you still feel some attachment to the club and to the city.
Yes. I can't and won't wipe out seven years of my life. I'm happy that I was there, it was a great time, from a personal point of view; it's just a shame that I didn't win a great deal on the pitch. But I'm not at all sorry that I stayed for seven years. They helped to make me who I am.

But what's it like to spend every year so many points off the top and watch while other teams battle for the championship?
It's a very tough thing to go through, though, as I've already said, I was always happy there. But I know how it upsets the people of Florence. It's unique for an Italian team of that size to find itself in such a position.

You haven't been at Milan long, but what has struck you most about the club?
I've rarely changed teams and I was very curious to find out what it would be like to be somewhere different after seven years in the same place. The thing I noticed first here was the impressive level of organisation, and the hunger to win. You see the likes of Maldini, Costacurta and Albertini – players who have won everything and who still want to keep on winning. They've got this incredible, crazy sense of motivation. That's infectious, and it is they who drive me on to want to do great things.

Can we expect more goals with your new team?
I know I can score more, but bear in mind that I will also be creating goals, particularly for Inzaghi and Shevchenko.

Sheva says it was he who asked Milan to buy you, even ringing up club president Silvio Berlusconi.
I'm happy to please others, as they say. I'm very pleased that a player such as Sheva should want to play with me. He and Inzaghi are the attackers who have scored the most goals in the past two years. It's such a great feeling – hitting the back of the net.

You must be used to getting assists. You played alongside Batistuta for six years.
He was quite different. These two are much faster, and it will be great for me to know that there are two attackers always in the area and ready to make runs.

Let's talk about your coach at Milan, Fatih Terim. You appear to dote on each other.
Very true. I remember saying a few months ago that if I ever become a coach, I'd like to be like Terim. Look what he did at Fiorentina. In just a few short months last season, he pulled together a fantastic team which played above itself. He believes in his players, knows how to motivate them, to be persistent.

He let you play in a free role, behind the forwards.
He let me play wherever I wanted, whereas others have used me to play wherever the team needed it.

The Milan fans are hoping you'll become the new Rivera.
That's a bit like what happened at Fiorentina, when everyone kept comparing me to Antognoni and to Baggio. To be frank, I've only ever seen Rivera play on TV, and he's a little like Eusebio. I can't give an opinion, with only pictures to go on.

Milan have got problems in midfield with so many players out through injury – Albertini, Redondo, Ambrosini, Gattuso.
It is a problem and it may be that the formation will need re-shaping. Perhaps I'll even have to go into midfield – I don't know. But what I do know is that when I was at Fiorentina you really felt it if you had a player missing. Here, there are plenty of great players to rely on, who are ready to fill whatever position is vacant.

What are they saying about all this in Portugal?
They're all very pleased. Some had been saying that I really ought to join a big side, otherwise I'd end up like Futre, a great player who nevertheless spent most of his career at Atletico Madrid.

But Futre did get to Milan. You are the only two Portuguese players who have played for the club.
The Portuguese game is full of great players – just look at Figo too. There are always at least seven great players in our national side, but no front men. It's just a feature of our game.

NOTES AND QUOTES

"I will accept all the coach's decisions, whatever they are."
Roma striker Vincenzo Montella. Easy to say in pre-season, harder to do when coach Fabio Capello leaves him on the bench for a big game.

"In a way I was pleased. It's brought us back to normality. Everyone thinks Bayern have a fabulous team and would stroll through the Bundesliga from first game to last."
Bayern striker Giovane Elber sees a bright side to his team's shock opening day defeat at Borussia Monchengladbach.

Reality check...Giovane Elber

"Goals are what strikers live on. We need them to stay alive."
A deep philosophical discourse courtesy of Villarreal's Argentinian front man, Martin Palermo.

● 29/07/01...Colombia win their first Copa America title with a 1-0 win over Mexico in Bogota. Ivan Cordoba scores with a header; two Mexicans are sent off as tempers fray

● 30/07/01..."I'm no money-grabber," says Rivaldo as a wages dispute with Barcelona starts to turn nasty

● 31/07/01...Romario is left out of Brazil's squad to face Paraguay in the recent World Cup qualifier

● 01/08/01...Everton look set to sell their highly-rated defender Michael Ball to Rangers in a £7million deal

Paul Gardner
GLOBAL VIEW

Innovations in football? They're a thing of the past

I DON'T SEE the point of having a column with my name on it unless I talk about me from time to time. So here's a short (I promise) look at my contribution to soccer tactics.

It was in the mid-Sixties, as I recall, that coaches started to talk in tongues, and we were swamped with a farrago of pseudo-scientific nonsense. A favourite topic in all this was the newly-discovered importance of playing without the ball. After all, the coaches would say in schoolmasterish tones, in an hour of action no player has more than a couple of minutes with the ball, so the important thing is all that time he spends without it.

Bah. Twenty years before all that, I had made the same discovery. Concerned at my habit of tripping over the ball, I had invented numerous techniques for making sure I never got the ball at all. Clearly, I was way ahead of my time, a lonely pioneer who had perfected the art of maximising this super-valuable without-the-ball time.

But enough about me. I dragged myself into this to make a point: in football, it's all been done before. You think you've come up with something new, but I'm here to tell you that some clever dick will have beaten you to it.

The English probably think, or fear, that they invented hooliganism. Well, how about the Greens vs the Blues, when "the blues affected to strike terror by a peculiar and barbaric dress, the long hair of the Huns...they assembled in numerous bands...and it became dangerous to appear at a late hour in the streets of the peaceful capital."

That was the way fans behaved in Constantinople, according to Edward Gibbon in *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Horse-racing fans, approximately 1,500 years ago.

Earlier this year FIFA announced that certain forms of artificial turf are now so good that official FIFA approval is on the way. This must be what soccer writer William Pickford had in mind when, in 1907, he dreamed about the game's future: "Grass is quite gone out of fashion long ago. This is a special surface and is far better. You see it is quite level and true, exact and easy...and the ball is easier to play."

And just so that Sepp Blatter doesn't get too carried away by his idea to jazz up refereeing kit, Pickford had his referee wearing red.

> 'An amusing guide to tactical stagnation is to be found in FIFA World Cup technical reports'

As with hooligans, turf and referees, so with tactics. Take *catenaccio*, a splendidly Italian name for a solidly Italian invention. Wrong. The Americans thought this one up, it seems. In their book *America's Soccer Heritage*, Sam Foulds and Paul Harris put the blame squarely on the USA's coach during the 1924 Olympics, George Collins.

At half-time in the game against Uruguay, the USA were 3-0 down and the wily Collins "introduced the sweeper behind a line of four backs...a strategic move that upstaged by a quarter of a century the Swiss *verrou* and the Italian *catenaccio*."

Maybe so – the score remained 3-0, so something nastily defensive was afoot.

When the Dutch sprung Total Football on the world in the 1970s, it was pointed out that journalist Willy Meisl had predicted the whole thing in 1955 with a playing system he called The Whirl.

An amusing guide to tactical stagnation is to be found in the technical reports that FIFA puts out after each World Cup. Following the euphoria created by the Dutch in 1974, there's not been a lot to say. The 1978 report failed to mention tactical development at all, while in 1982 it was noted that "no spectacular systems were created" – but teams were becoming "more compact".

Since then the FIFA experts have become a bit monotonous on this matter – 1986: "No truly new tactics were seen"; 1990: "Italia 90 did not produce anything startlingly new"; 1994: "On the tactical side there was not a lot that was new."

By 1998 the idea that there would be anything new to be said about tactics was evidently being seen as mildly ridiculous: "As was to be expected there was nothing very new and certainly nothing revolutionary on the tactical level at France 98."

To conclude this look at football's forgotten pioneers (and that includes me), I offer the strangest one of the lot.

Right from the beginning of the Bosman saga in 1995, I had this odd idea I'd heard it all before. I tried, feebly, to check, nobody knew what I was talking about, so I gave up on it.

Now comes the revelation. Delving recently into the Gardner Archives (sometimes known as clutter) I came across a note I had made in 1976. It concerned a court case going on in Switzerland. One Georges Perroud, a former Swiss international, had sued his club, Servette, for refusing him an unconditional transfer when his contract expired.

The court found for Perroud and ordered Servette to pay him 29,000 Swiss francs for two years' loss of income. The court refused to accept that a player could be at the mercy of his *former* employer. It called that "immoral, illegal and invalid from the beginning".

Sounds like proto-Bosman stuff to me. So, Georges Perroud – where are you now? And how come you're not famous, or at least notorious?

The month in pictures

● 01/08/01...Fulham finally land a big-name signing in Dutch keeper Edwin Van der Sar

● 02/08/01...FIFA president Sepp Blatter gets embroiled in the Edgar Davids drugs case, suggesting that nandrolone may not have been the only drug for which the Dutchman tested positive

● 03/08/01...Juventus give Lyon a week to accept their offer to sign unsettled playmaker Vikash Dhorasoo

TALENT SCOUT: Holland

In the first of a new series, Klaas-Jan Droppert names the 10 most promising young players in the Dutch League

1 Rafael Van der Vaart
(club: Ajax, born 01.02.83)
Left-sided midfielder (pictured above) who is already a key player in Co Adriaanse's plans at Ajax. His speed, vision and workrate make him a natural choice, and his first international call-up is only a matter of time.

2 Arjen Robben
(Groningen, 24.01.84)
Tricky left-winger who will play for PSV next season. Robben could be the latest in a long line of quality Dutch wingers.

3 David Mendes da Silva
(Sparta, 04.08.82)
A classy libero with Cape Verde roots who has been dubbed the 'new Frank Rijkaard' because of his similar pace and flair. Has had several offers (Newcastle, Ajax) to leave but decided to stay at Sparta, who are now coached by...Rijkaard.

4 Theo Janssen
(Vitesse, 27.07.81)
Left-sided midfielder with probably the best left foot in the Dutch League. A free-kick specialist. Has had some disciplinary problems but has a good mentor in coach Ronald Koeman.

5 Johnny Heitinga
(Ajax, 15.11.83)
Has the potential to become the new Frank De Boer. Strong in the air, with good vision, and already part of the Ajax senior set-up. Although Heitinga was one of the youngest in the squad, national coach Louis Van Gaal had no hesitation in naming him skipper at the recent World Youth Cup in Argentina.

6 Cedric Van der Gun
(Ajax, 05.05.79)
Right-winger who can also play behind the strikers. Made his breakthrough last season, when his speed and direct approach troubled many defenders. However, he is often injured.

7 Youssouf Hersi
(NAC, 20.08.82)
Ethiopia-born midfielder who prefers to play behind the strikers. Made his debut last season at Ajax, but Adriaanse has said there is no space for him this year. Ajax wanted to send him to satellite club Haarlem, but Hersi refused because of Haarlem's poor performances and he is now on loan to NAC Breda.

8 Michael Lamey
(RKC, 29.11.79)
Full-back from the Ajax ranks who failed to make the first team in Amsterdam. Was a sensation in RKC's glorious 2000-01 season and has already been sold to PSV, though he will stay in Waalwijk this season.

9 Klaas-Jan Huntelaar
(PSV, 12.08.83)
Striker with good attitude and workrate, but needs to be physically stronger. Will have to be patient to break through at PSV, but definitely one for the future.

10 Jhon Van Beukering
(Vitesse, 29.08.83)
Top scorer in the national junior league and has carried on scoring at senior level, hitting the winner against Ajax on his debut. Will get more chances from Koeman this season.

NOTES AND QUOTES

"I'm outraged that Red Star and Partizan do not look upon my side as genuine rivals to them."
Vojvodina coach Dragoljub Bekvalac insists his team have a chance of winning the Yugoslav League title, perhaps forgetting that they finished last season 41 points adrift of champions Red Star Belgrade.

"It's all rather on the spur of the moment. It would have been better to spend when we were leading the League."
Rosenborg midfielder Bent Skammelsrud criticises his coach Nils Arne Eggen for suggesting that the club splash out on new talent following seven games without a win.

Let me introduce myself...Olsen

"Mr Kyrastas is quite new in the job, so perhaps he does not know me."
Denmark boss Morten Olsen tries to hide his annoyance with Panathinaikos coach Yiannis Kyrastas for asking him not to call up Rene Henriksen and Jan Michaelsen for the recent friendly against France.

● 06/08/01...Boca Juniors complete the one-year loan signing of Japanese striker Naohiro Takahara from Jubilo Iwata

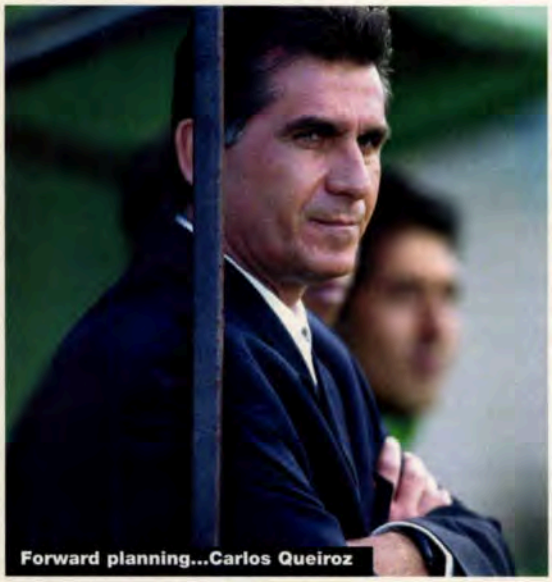
● 07/08/01...Terry Venables arrives in Athens to be interviewed for the job of Greek national coach. But German Otto Rehhagel is appointed

● 07/08/01...Zinedine Zidane, in training with his new club Real Madrid, is recalled by France to face Denmark in their recent friendly

● 08/08/01...Michael Owen hits a hat-trick as Liverpool put five past FC Haka in the Champions League third qualifying round first leg

Q & A: Carlos Queiroz

South Africa's national coach talks to Mark Gleeson



Forward planning...Carlos Queiroz

'We have learnt from our mistakes, and now our primary objective is to be among the best 16 teams in the world'

What are South Africa's chances at the African Nations Cup Finals in Mali next January?
Everything depends on the draw and the availability of players, but we're looking for a place among the top three. My goal now is to try to cut down on the number of players we use and get more consistency in the team.

I don't want to spend time crying because one or two players are not available. We'll have to leave out a couple of key players because of the pressure of their club commitments. I'm talking about players like Lucas Radebe, Shaun Bartlett and Quinton Fortune, if he is playing regularly at his club. We have agreed to leave out those players who are regulars at their clubs in Europe so they will be fresher for the World Cup finals, but I am going to call up others who do not get regular matches for their clubs. If they don't play on a regular basis, it makes no sense to compromise with those clubs.

This is also our way to put a little pressure on the clubs and coaches to use our players more and to get them more playing time.

South Africa will not compromise if the player is not being used regularly. It is also a technical issue because I want my players to be in the best condition when we go to the World Cup.

So you might have one squad for the Nations Cup finals and another for the World Cup?
From now until Mali, there will be some training camps for the players based in Europe, even for those who will not be called up for the Nations Cup. We have worked hard and prepared everything to avoid a conflict between the clubs and us.

After Mali, we'll have a pool of players ready to make the final approach to the World Cup finals. All the players will have the same chance and the same opportunities.

What are South Africa's aims at the World Cup?
The day I arrived in South Africa I said a coach must set realistic goals and objectives. I believe our primary objective is to be among the best 16 teams in the world. We are talking about the BEST 16! This is a major goal. In 1998, South Africa qualified and played at the World Cup finals for the first time. It was a time to learn. Four years later, a football nation must believe in a goal of going to the second round. This is a message that South Africa must give to the world. We are progressing; we haven't been sleeping from 1998 to 2002.

We have learnt from our mistakes and have progressed. If we don't get to the second round, then the message we give to the world is that we haven't learnt anything about international football. This is the commitment I'm looking for from all in the country.

We need a creative plan to prepare the players and to give them an opportunity to reduce the gap between the standard in South Africa and that in Europe. Players like Luis Figo and Zinedine Zidane are playing at the highest level every week, in the best competition and with the best teams and players. They have everything. So if we follow the same plan as France, Italy or Portugal, which is just to bring the players together 14 days before the World Cup finals, we cannot reduce the gap.

We need to have innovation and creativity to give our guys the chance to compete with the best.

How easy has it been coaching the side since you took over last September?
It has been a really tough job and at times this year I have had real difficulty with call-ups for the national team, putting a team together and having decent preparation. Some nights I have not slept.

There are just two options in these kind of situations – either lose your mind or cry like a baby in the newspapers, complaining to the press. There is a temptation sometimes for coaches to prepare excuses before a match is even played. To fight against that temptation has been difficult. I have had to try to stay strong and show confidence in the players we have chosen.

That is why I made a compromise and have been working on a pool of different players to prepare and ready them for international football, because of the difficulties of getting players released from their clubs in Europe.

Having worked on many continents, you are uniquely placed to say whether you believe African soccer is really making any progress.
In terms of players, there is great potential. African players have everything – strength, power, speed and skills. What

The month in pictures

● 08/08/01...Marcelo Salas says a move to Juventus may be back on. "A change of air can be good."

● 09/08/01...Lazio president Sergio Cragnotti denies that the Rome club are up for sale. Rumours circulate in Italy that Cragnotti's business empire is in severe financial difficulties

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they need is a better coaching environment, especially one that teaches them the culture of the game. They need a better knowledge and understanding of the tactics of the game.

Secondly, they need better training facilities, which is an economic and social problem in Africa. In Japan or the USA, for example, you see an under-10 team dressed like professionals with high standards of kit and boots. But in Africa, even today, you can go to a match at under-18 level and some of the players don't even have boots.

What has been your most satisfying achievement since taking over?
Making players understand that they have to be more consistent, to play more compactly and to use their skills better. I feel my players are now using their skills to the benefit of the team.

Of course we play football for entertainment and fun, but at the professional level, entertainment and fun at the end of the day is to put the ball in the back of the net.

One of the things that my players understand better is that they have a team to support them but that they must also give something back to the team. They don't do silly things that put their team-mates at risk, and they work for each other.

Push and shove...Honduras' Medina tussles with Aristizabal of Colombia

Honduras hit the heights

After a successful Copa America, the World Cup finals are a realistic target, says Tim Vickery

A HOME defeat by Costa Rica in a World Cup qualifier on July 1 caused Honduras coach Ramon Maradiaga to offer his resignation. It was not accepted.

The next day came the last-minute call to participate in the Copa America; now, after his side beat Brazil and went on to claim third place, Maradiaga has more chance of becoming president than of being unemployed.

Known as 'El Primitivo', stony-faced Maradiaga took his side's Copa success in his stride. His own experience as a midfielder in the 1982 World Cup taught him that, providing the team are well organised, Honduras can live with the best.

Now his task is to carry the momentum through to World Cup qualification, and take Honduras to soccer's biggest stage for only the second time.

Pacy striker Saul Martinez was one of the revelations of the Copa America. Even so, Maradiaga will be pleased to welcome back heavyweights Carlos Pavon and Milton 'Tyson' Nunez. They deliver the knockout punch that has made them the top scorers in the region's final World Cup qualifying group. But it is at the other end that Honduras have had most problems, conceding 11 goals in six games.

Yet the form in Colombia of Samuel Caballero and Ninrod Medina make it hard to imagine why the team has such a poor defensive record.

At the Copa America Honduras were compact and difficult to play through, and while keeper Noel Valladares is vulnerable off his line, he is an effective shot stopper.

Trailing both Costa Rica and the USA by five points, Honduras' target is the third of CONCACAF'S three qualification slots. They are in a three-way fight, standing a point ahead of a rejuvenated Mexico, and leading Jamaica on goal difference.

They face both opponents in their last four games, closing with a visit to Mexico City after hosting both Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

Honduras' first task is to keep up their fine away form against the United States. Win, and Maradiaga might even smile.

NOTES AND QUOTES

"I will defend the colours of Benfica with my last breath."
Young Portuguese winger Simao rubs salt in the wounds of old club Sporting Lisbon by leaving Barcelona for Sporting's arch-rivals, Benfica. Sporting claim they should have had first option to buy Simao if he decided to quit Barça.

"Tapie has just one idea – packing off all the Marseille players to Galatasaray so he can get Jardel."
After leaving Marseille for a loan spell with Celta Vigo, French international striker Florian Maurice neatly sums up the dilemma facing OM sports director Bernard Tapie: an already top-heavy squad and no money. By the way, Jardel turned Tapie down.

Playing the game...Jacques Santini

"The defeat is my fault. I had five players on the bench. I should have brought them all on."
A sarcastic Jacques Santini following Lyon's 2-0 defeat at Lens on the first weekend of the French season.

Keir Radnedge

COMMENTARY

Blatter's 'counsellor' could be parachuted into European football's top job

Offering advice...Platini has acted as Blatter's counsellor

Platini eyes UEFA presidency

'VOTE for Michel Platini!' is the cry. But hang on. Didn't we go through all this three years ago? Wasn't a vote for Sepp Blatter really considered a vote for Michel Platini when FIFA's chief executive brought the Greatest French Footballer on to his ticket to outwit UEFA president Lennart Johansson for the presidency of the world governing body?

True. This time, however, the stage is different. Now it is UEFA that is within the sights of the Platini camp. Remarkably, the prospect of a personality 'outsider' being parachuted in over the heads of Europe's administrative power brokers is not quite the long shot it once appeared. For that Platini owes some thanks to Franz Beckenbauer, who has proved, with Bayern Munich and the German federation, that great footballers can also become effective operators at board and committee room levels.

Platini was probably under-rated when he was joint president of the French organising committee for the 1998 World Cup. It was felt, even in France, that he was the promotional face of the event while the late Fernand Sastre and co were the men who undertook the 'real' work.

Certainly, Platini's high profile proved useful to Blatter in his simultaneous FIFA presidential campaign. Everyone likes being on the winning side and Platini, engagingly, has always been a winner.

Not that his FIFA fiefdom has turned out to be quite the kingdom he may have imagined. Blatter's initial attempt to bring Platini on board in the Zurich establishment was waspishly knocked back by the bruised and bitter Europeans on the FIFA executive. Also, Platini himself was not over-keen to take a long lease on operational space in Zurich.

In due course FIFA set up and staffed an office for Platini in Paris, and he flies to Zurich to fulfil his role as 'counsellor' to Blatter whenever needed. Not that this has been quite as often of late. Insiders say relations between Blatter and Platini have cooled a little; on the other hand, no one could blame Platini for attempting to put clear blue water between himself and the ISL scandal.

Hence, suggestions of Platini switching horses from FIFA to UEFA should not be dismissed lightly. Lennart Johansson has not discounted seeking re-election as president of the European body next year but he has had cardiac and cancer problems. The Swede was the right man at the right time when he took over in 1990 to guide UEFA into the Champions League and its reorganised, corporate era. But he missed a trick over the power and development of the European Union and European Commission – which could yet unbalance UEFA financially if it outlaws Champions League exclusivity. Whatever, now is the time for Johansson to hand over to a new broom.

Platini will meet plenty of opposition from within the traditional old guard. Michel D'Hooghe stood down recently as president of the Belgian federation amid speculation that he had UEFA in mind; Per Omdal Ravn of Norway has worked hard on the bread-and-butter issues; Turkey's Senes Erzik has found the competitions committees a worthwhile power base.

But the smaller federations, who command the majority vote, want change. They made their feelings clear when Portugal beat Spain to win host rights for Euro 2004. Platini would be just up their street.

Then, who knows what could happen? He might, for example, want his own man as chief executive in place of loyal, long-serving Gerd Aigner.

Seen from that perspective, even Sepp Blatter might appreciate a Platini presidency.

Rights holders have wrong attitude

MORE wrongs than rights have been bandied about in handbag-slinging scraps over who can report or interview whom in both Germany and England.

Bayern Munich general manager Uli Hoeness barred his players from appearing as studio guests for the local arm of free-to-air ARD because "the Bundesliga contract is with a rival company, who pay for the rights".

Trouble is, the Kirch group's Saturday highlights programme now goes out on a pay-TV channel and viewing figures have collapsed – from eight million on free TV to fewer than two million. Sponsors are furious.

The big Bundesliga clubs, egged on by Kirch, thought they could import the Sky/Premier League model. It's been a ratings disaster.

In England the Premier and Football League became embroiled in an unnecessary row with the press over a ham-fisted attempt to censor match reporting. A climbdown solution was reached after newspaper editors began openly enquiring whether the League thought sponsors would be happy if their names were blanked out of the sports pages.

At least speech remains free in this commercialised game of ours, if not most of the moving pictures.

Old Firm cash may be hard to refuse

Mixing it...Rangers and Celtic want to play in the English Premiership

RANGERS and Celtic have long cast envious eyes on the financial and competitive riches of the Premier League. Such feelings have not been reciprocated. Until now.

It was always easy to blame political problems for ruling out Old Firm integration. Now an issue even more important than politics is tipping the equation: money.

Celtic certainly appear the more restlessly impatient of the Glasgow rivals. They were more outspokenly supportive of the Atlantic League discussions with disaffected top clubs from Portugal, Holland, Belgium, Denmark and Sweden. They have spoken out more openly about the profitable prospects of 'going English'.

Rangers' owner, David Murray, has been more cautious, which may well reflect the sensitivities of club secretary Campbell Ogilvie, long considered one of European club football's shrewdest operators. Look at it this way: if Rangers and Celtic decide to break away, it will take some negotiating to buy their way out. There's no point in antagonising the Scottish rump unnecessarily.

Of course there are political issues. The issue of four independent home countries will be raised again by sceptics abroad. But that can be contained with reference to the 'Welsh Solution', by which Cardiff and co play English-organised league football while Wales retains its separate national team and league structure.

Relegation? Using the Welsh example, if Rangers or Celtic went down, they would go into the (English) Football League not the Scottish Premier.

European qualification? Rangers and/or Celtic would go into Europe as English representatives or not at all (how might their fans react to that?).

But why should it happen anyway? Simple. TV and sponsorship cash is levelling out. The new Premier League TV contract will kick off in 2004. Clubs (with the exception of Manchester United, it seems) always spend beyond their means. So they will want more cash from TV just at a time when TV may be questioning value for money.

The surefire way to crank up interest – and revenue – will be to bring Rangers and Celtic on board.

As for the timing, the TV deal will need to be done in the late spring of 2003. That gives everyone less than two years to clear the political decks.

Do not expect the issue to go away.

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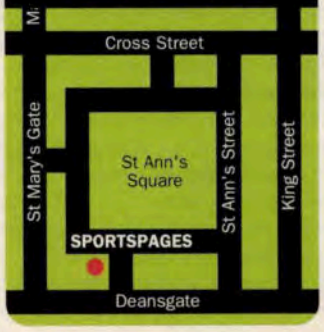

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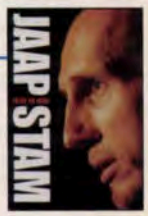

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Traffic hits red light

Simon Banks on the problems facing South America's leading football marketing company

Stakeholder...Brazilian federation president Ricardo Teixeira owns shares in Traffic

PLENTY of people were disappointed when FIFA announced that the World Club Championship (WCC), which was to be held in Spain in August, was to be postponed until 2003, but none more so than the rights marketing company Traffic.

The Latin American firm not only had an exclusive deal to sell the sponsorship and television rights to the tournament, but the WCC was also meant to be the launch-pad for the company's expansion into the lucrative European market.

Since 1983, Traffic has steadily been building a portfolio of rights to South American sporting competitions, with a particular emphasis on soccer.

Traffic does not just buy and sell rights, however. In the case of football, it usually provides the on-site television coverage, so that broadcasters just buy the footage. This enables it to sell packages to different broadcasters in different markets, freeing the buyers from the overheads and logistical problems of covering an event.

Last year, Traffic produced and transmitted over 300 matches, while this year it has sold coverage of the Mercosur Cup, Libertadores Cup, Copa America, a large proportion of the South American World Cup qualifiers and all Brazil's friendlies.

It was this impressive portfolio that attracted the interest, and ultimately the money, of one of the US's biggest investment companies, Hicks, Muse, Tate and Furst.

'Traffic has wielded considerable influence in South American soccer for nearly 20 years, but the signs are that this could be on the wane'

In 1999, HMTF bought 49 per cent of Traffic with the aim of selling Latin American soccer to the rest of the world. To assist it, HMTF also signed up Roberto Muller of the US-based Muller Sports Group to manage the relationship. It also brought in two Brazilian clubs – Corinthians and Cruzeiro.

At the time Muller described the deal as "an initiative that presents a significant opportunity to build long-term value. We share HMTF's view that Brazilian soccer and Latin American soccer in general boast the finest competition in the world, but have never been properly placed to reap the benefits of worldwide revenue sources."

Last year the future looked bright for HMTF and Traffic; this year, however, the signs are that the relationship could become strained. After the postponement of the WCC, the last thing Traffic needed was a similar fate befalling the Copa America, the cancellation of which would have cost the company an estimated £100m.

When it was announced the tournament would not take place as scheduled, Traffic headed for Buenos Aires, where the FIFA Congress would enable the company to pressurise the South American confederation, CONMEBOL, to reverse the decision. For two days Muller and Traffic's founder, Jose Hawilla, commandeered the lobby of the Sheraton hotel to greet arriving delegates. Nobody knows what promises were made and which favours were called in, but the CONMEBOL executive duly changed its mind and the tournament went ahead, albeit without Argentina.

While Traffic was busy trying to save the Copa America, it took its eye off the ball and received a body blow from FIFA. Under pressure from UEFA, FIFA president Sepp Blatter announced that Traffic would not be marketing the rights to the World Club Championship when it eventually takes place in 2003.

Hawilla and Muller were visibly stunned at the decision and it probably drove the number-crunchers at HMTF's head office in Dallas to reach for their calculators and check to see if the numbers still added up.

HMTF is now reported to be reviewing all its Latin American investments, and Traffic's operations will undoubtedly come under the microscope. The Brazilian government's continued interest in the way Brazilian soccer is run has already put Nike under the spotlight. The fact that Brazilian federation president Ricardo Teixeira is a shareholder in Traffic cannot have escaped the notice of the investigating congressional commission.

Since the collapse of FIFA's marketing partner, ISL, earlier this year, some in the soccer industry have questioned the need for rights marketing companies altogether. With UEFA under pressure from the European Commission over its relationship with the rights marketing company TEAM, which sells the rights to the Champions League, some industry observers are predicting such companies may become redundant as rights holders start to market their rights themselves.

Traffic has wielded considerable influence in South American soccer for nearly 20 years, but the signs are that this could be on the wane. The company is facing lawsuits from Argentinian broadcasters who sold advertising linked to Argentina's Copa America matches, which never took place. In addition, Traffic has lost the WCC contract for 2005 as well as 2003, and now faces the prospect of losing its chief financial backer. Speculation is mounting that HMTF will sell its stake and that Hawilla will step down, marking the end of an era in football marketing.

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EC misses the point

Ben Hamilton on the intervention of the European Commission in the debate over TV rights

"THERE is less football on television than there could be," claimed a European Commission spokesman last month. Yet few would care to see more, unless you've been holidaying on Mars recently or you're a divorce lawyer.

From English commentator John Motson referring to the "overkill" of the game to German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder protesting that he "won't be insisting [his] family watch football at 8.15pm" now that the time of the Bundesliga highlights show has been altered, there is widespread concern that the increasing TV coverage of the game is endangering its very appeal.

Take England, for example. From BSkyB's early morning Saturday pick-me-up show to ITV Digital's Friday pay-per-view coverage, the English networks have never been so saturated. ITV's decision to screen its new show, *The Premiership*, in a prime-time Saturday evening slot – 7pm – is testament to its acceptance as certified family TV.

The other main European leagues are receiving similar blanket coverage. Every top division game in Germany, France and Italy is now available on pay-per-view; the Bundesliga highlights show, previously screened at 5.15pm, has, as mentioned before, been given a prime-time slot, while Italian pay-TV operator Stream will shortly launch a 24-hour football channel.

Now the EC is effectively giving a green light to even more football. The spokesman quoted earlier was speaking to the media following the announcement that the Commission has given UEFA three months to revise its policy of selling the free and pay-TV Champions League rights exclusively to one broadcaster in each country. The EC said the practice was anti-competitive and might contravene EU competition rules.

The Commission believes that if the situation is allowed to continue, the cost of watching football on TV could increase. There is also concern that the development of new methods of rights exploitation (such as match web-casts over the internet) would be slowed.

Now the EC is waiting for proposals from UEFA to deal with these issues and to bring the sale of Champions League TV rights into line with European competition law. These proposals are due by October 20.

Alasdair Bell, a partner of UK-based law firm Olswang, advises UEFA on EU law issues. The EC's contention that the way the CL rights are sold is "anti-competitive" is "deeply flawed and wrong", argues Bell, who is surprised that the EC has targeted the Champions League rights when there are bigger fish to fry.

Over-exposure?...saturation coverage could prove a turn-off

"There are only 20 to 30 games a season in the Champions League which are of interest to the public of any given European nation, namely those featuring the teams from that country. Obtaining national league rights is far more important to TV stations, and the sums of money broadcasters like BSkyB and Kirch have paid for these compared to the amounts broadcasters paid for the Champions League are testament to this."

While all the 'important' Champions Leagues games are shown on television, many of the major national league games are not. Yet the EC believes that Champions League viewers are being short-changed. It feels that the current system is discouraging new companies from coming into the TV market and therefore playing into the hands of the big media companies.

"But if you look at the UK, it could be said that exactly the opposite has happened," counters Bell. "The Champions League was sold to ITV and ONdigital. That enabled ONdigital to actually offer some competition to BSkyB in the UK pay-TV market. The effect is pro-competitive, not anti-competitive."

The Champions League rights are worth £323.9million a year, of which £244.5m goes to the participating clubs and their associations, and £79.4m to UEFA. But if the rights to games were offered on an individual basis rather than collectively, many would go unsold, especially for matches featuring smaller sides. This would create an even larger disparity in income between big and small clubs.

Bell notes with interest that the EC recognises UEFA as the co-owner of TV rights, saying: "A lot of people forget this. They refer to the clubs as the owners of their individual rights, but where would they be without their competitors and the organisers of the league? How can you sell something 'individually' if it is co-owned by somebody else? In any event, when you have seen cases of individual selling – in Italy and Spain, for example – it doesn't work.

"In Spain, La Liga is returning to a collective deal. In Italy, the two pay-TV platforms are merging anyway. Is the Commission going to block that?"

Bell also dismisses the idea that more Champions League football on television is beneficial to the finances of the game. He believes that increased coverage will be detrimental to the brand of the competition. "The Champions League is at present a very powerful brand," he states. "There are four main sponsors, who like to be associated with the uniform presentation, start times, and even the logo and music.

"It would be difficult to preserve the uniformity and quality of the presentation if the matches were carried by half a dozen different broadcasters.

"It's also important for viewers to know they can follow a competition all the way through – and see all the important games – with the same broadcaster. That's how TV stations build their brand.

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> – *Alasdair Bell*

"And the Commission also ought to recognise there is a limit to how much football people will take. Consumers want choice, not to see football on every television channel. Broadcasters don't want this either. They don't compete by offering the public identical programming."

In the meantime, UEFA might consider making a number of changes. For one thing, it could reduce the length of contracts. Before the EC's intervention, UEFA had declared that it is terminating its current deal with the TEAM Marketing agency (it expires at the end of 2003), with the launch of a tender procedure for the rights to follow on soon.

UEFA will also demonstrate to the EC how much it contributes to the grass roots of the European game and ask whether clubs would do the same if rights were sold on an 'individual' basis.

EC officials have already said that it is unlikely a decision will be made until the middle of 2002. So, like the transfer debate, this one could roll on and on.

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Papal approval...Trapattoni with Pope John Paul II

Still hungry after all these years

Italy will seal qualification for next year's World Cup finals if they beat Lithuania on September 1. Paddy Agnew profiles the veteran coach behind the *Azzurri's* success

YOU might call him Italy's answer to Bill Shankly, some 30 years on. The boy from Cusano Milanino, near Milan, who once assembled laundry irons and print type, has become Italy's most matter-of-fact and down-to-earth coach. He has also become the one to win most titles.

In a year that has been nothing if not an 'annus horribilis' for Italian soccer, one man has consistently flown the colours with style and success. That man, of course, is Giovanni Trapattoni, coach to an Italy side who have cruised through their World Cup qualifying group on a fast track to South Korea and Japan.

While Italian clubs were flopping miserably in Europe and while a succession of passport, match-fixing and dope scandals were rocking the Italian game, Trapattoni's team strolled through Group 8, winning five out of six qualifiers and drawing the other away from home. Even if mathematical qualification will have to wait for Italy's away tie against Lithuania on September 1, the reality is that Italy have had their 2002 World Cup place booked for some while.

On paper, a group that included Romania, Hungary, Georgia and Lithuania did not look intimidating. When it soon became clear that Romania were going through a traumatic post-Hagi phase, then Italy's task was made all the more easy.

However, in the past Italian sides have struggled against minnow opposition. It says much both about the quality of the side inherited by Trapattoni from Dino Zoff in July 2000 and also about Trapattoni's own fiery nature that this Italy has been ruthlessly efficient in every qualifier, bar the initial 2-2 away draw to Hungary last September.

It hardly needs saying that, even at this distant moment, all Italy expects the 62-year-old's side to do well at the World Cup next summer. Not only Italy's excellent Euro 2000 run, not only the easy stroll through the qualifying group, but also the very character and temperament of the Italian coach himself provide Italians with reasons for optimism.

That Trapattoni would become national team coach was only ever a question of time and opportunity. Italy's most successful coach (six Serie A titles with Juventus, one with Inter and one Bundesliga title with Bayern Munich) has always looked to have the right combination of charisma, winning track record and experience.

His ability to galvanise a side has made him a revered figure and not just in Italy. While Italians positively adore his frantic sideline gestures and two-fingered whistles, Germans still cheerfully recall the day he smashed his fists on the table during a Bayern news conference at which he launched a vicious attack on some of his "complacent" team stars.

While Italians smile sympathetically at his occasional linguistic lapses – he recently called Morocco one of the most interesting "South African" sides around – Germans were delighted when he ended that infamous Bayern news conference with "Ich habe fertig" rather than "Ich bin fertig" ("I've finished"). In truth, the Germans were even more pleased at his valiant attempts to learn and use their language.

Trapattoni is a footballer's coach. A top-class player, mainly with Milan, he won 17 caps with Italy during an international career in which perhaps the highlight came when marking a certain Pele out of the match in a 3-0 win against Brazil at the San Siro in May 1963.

Gritty, determined and in love with football, Trapattoni has long had an undeserved reputation for being an old-fashioned traditionalist in the *catenaccio* mould. In truth, it is not that Trapattoni's football is defensive *per se*, it is that, in the best Italian manner, he tends to build his side around the quintessential strengths of a rugged central midfield and a solid back line, complete with sweeper if need be.

> 'In Korea and Japan, there will doubtless be critics ready to again point to Italy's negative attitude. They could be in for a shock'

The sides fielded by Trapattoni have nearly always featured at least three strikers but such has been the resolute, defensively sound nature of his teams that, over the years, the defensive label has stuck fast. In South Korea and Japan next year, there will doubtless be those ready to again point to Italy's negative attitude. Such critics could be in for a shock.

With a playmaker like Francesco Totti to shape the bullets and with such as Christian Vieri, Marco Delvecchio, Filippo Inzaghi, Alessandro Del Piero and Vincenzo Montella to shoot them, Italy can field a front firing line that should prove second to none. As for the rest, the Fabio Cannavaro-Alessandro Nesta-Paolo Maldini defence looks about as good as there is, while players like Damiano Tommasi and Gennaro Gattuso are precisely the type of battling midfield ball winners who have always played a crucial, fulcrum role in Trapattoni teams.

Having taken over from Dino Zoff last July in surprise circumstances, Trapattoni was fortunate to inherit a seasoned but still young international side. Throughout the past year, he has not needed to add much to the chassis left him by Zoff, and nobody can be surprised when he says that, at this stage, almost three-quarters of his squad is set in stone, injury and dame fortune allowing, of course.

"Even if the next 10 months will be vitally important, the squad for the finals is already well defined, with 14 or 15 of them already certain to go. I've no concerns in three out of four departments," says Trapattoni.

"Everyone is envious of our strikeforce, while Totti and Tommasi can maintain their high level in midfield. On top of that, I hope to have Albertini back, as well as call on Tacchinardi and Gattuso. Even if our defence is among the strongest in the world, however, we are currently a little short in cover there."

With a seasoned and apparently all round strong squad, Trapattoni believes himself to be sitting comfortably. He himself points to another reason why Italy can expect to do well in South Korea and Japan next summer, saying: "These are going to be World Cup finals in which humidity will be an important factor. Players who can use their class to save energy will be very important."

When it comes to naming dangerous rivals for the finals, it is hardly a surprise to hear Trapattoni point to Argentina. Trapattoni's only loss so far as national coach came against Argentina in a remarkable 2-1 friendly defeat at the Olympic stadium in Rome last February. Even if Trapattoni is unworried about that defeat – it came in a game where Italy were without a number of first-choice players – there is no denying Argentina's class.

"Along with France, Argentina remain the favourites. Brazil clearly are having a difficult moment. The fact that they have been playing Romario is a clear signal that, in the absence of Ronaldo, they are short of players for certain roles," says Trapattoni.

When it comes to analysing the upcoming Italian season, Trapattoni is among those who expect the unusually early start (August 26) to prove helpful. True to his nature, he hopes that the League contest goes all the way down to the wire. While some national team coaches might long for a title contest to be decided and sewn up fully a month before the end so that players can recharge tired batteries pre-World Cup, Trapattoni sees it differently.

"This could well be another title battle decided only at the very end. I hope it works out that way because that would mean that, in view of the World Cup, I would be taking over players still at the top of their form and also still psychologically up for it."

When your name is Trapattoni, being "up for it" matters.

Real asset...Luis Figo's £37.5m move proved good business when the club won the Spanish title for the first time in four years

The heat is off

Zinedine Zidane's £47million move to Real Madrid has eased the pressure on the club's previous world-record signing, says Keir Radnedge

ZINEDINE ZIDANE always knew he could never cruise through his long-awaited transfer to Spanish champions Real Madrid.

The World Player of the Year has been under siege ever since whispers emerged back in May that he was preparing to leave Juventus for the eight-times European club champions.

First, Zidane was pursued by reporters, photographers and agents throughout his Pacific island holiday. Then, even in private, his holiday peace was broken by a plethora of telephone calls concerning the final stages of the secretive negotiations.

When France's 1998 World Cup-winning hero eventually returned to Europe, he was swamped within the circus demanded of the player who was costing his new club a world-record £47million.

At least, at the Estadio Bernabeu, Zidane has a team-mate who knows exactly how it feels. Luis Figo underwent all the high-pressure hype a year ago when he cost Madrid the previous world record, £37.5m. If anything, Figo had it even tougher since he joined Madrid from deadly enemies Barcelona.

Life out on the pitch has not been much fun for either of them this summer.

Zidane joined Figo and co for a two-week warm-up in Switzerland, where the top Spanish clubs traditionally now get their act together. But once the serious action began – prestige international friendlies – the mood changed.

First Madrid lost 1-0 to Egypt's top club, Al Ahly, in a match in Cairo that was anything but friendly in front of a capacity 70,000 crowd. Then they returned to Spain to finish 'only' runners-up in the Trofeo Teresa Herrera – the most important of the multiplicity of Spanish pre-season tournaments.

Madrid lost 2-1 to hosts Deportivo La Coruna in the Final despite having taken the lead through Figo. Zidane had a quiet evening and barely appeared to raise his game even after Depor hit back through Dutchman Roy Makaay and Diego Tristan.

'Friendlies' these matches may have been in theory but not to the Madrid fans, who believe that Figo's partnership with Zidane presages an all-conquering era to compare with that inspired by the legendary Alfredo Di Stefano and Ferenc Puskas back in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Figo, Portugal's finest footballer, who can alternate as playmaker or orthodox right winger, is current European Footballer of the Year; Zidane is reigning FIFA World Player of the Year.

Figo, whatever the teething problems, still believes they can lift Madrid to a record-extending ninth European Champions Cup.

Triumph at Hampden Park next May would be doubly appropriate; after all, it was at Hampden in 1960 that Di Stefano's team achieved their greatest victory – by 7-3 over Eintracht Frankfurt.

Next spring, Madrid will celebrate their centenary. As Figo says: "Everything is coming together just right. It's a big year for the club and winning the Champions League will be tough. But we believe winning in Glasgow is a sort of destiny."

Not that Figo ever expected Zidane's adaptation to be a simple process, and mutterings on the return from La Coruna centred on whether Zidane had to adapt to the team (coach Vicente Del Bosque's stated view) or whether the team should adapt to Zidane. Either way, as Figo says: "Regaining the Champions Cup is not going to be easy.

> 'When you run out to play, the size of the fee doesn't cross your mind. It will be the same for Zidane as it was for me'

"At least I think it's impossible to imagine the club could have done any better in strengthening the squad. At this level it's not enough just to sign new players; they have to be players who make a difference – especially for us in a very significant season with the club's birthday coming up."

Figo, leaning on his own experience, believes the weight of the world-record transfer fee is the least of the problems with which Zidane will be concerned. President Florentino Perez is the business man, insists Figo, while he is "merely" a footballer.

"Our president has always said it was his intention to sign the world's best players – and he believes it makes good business sense. If we win trophies then I suppose we draw more fans and the club is more successful commercially. But it's not up to me to do the sums.

"In fact, all footballers who are transferred for big sums will tell you the same thing. I really did not think much about the size of the transfer fee when I left Barcelona because it was all down to market forces, not me. When you run out to play, it doesn't cross your mind. It will be the same for Zidane as it was for me – and as it will be for someone else next year, I expect."

Not that Madrid always get their man. Figo was disappointed personally that Portugal team-mate Rui Costa decided Milan was a better option than Madrid when it became imperative that bankruptcy-threatened Fiorentina sell him off to the highest bidder. Figo and Rui Costa are not merely national team colleagues but old friends.

Figo says: "I would have been thrilled to play alongside Rui Costa at Madrid. I am sure he will win things with Milan. I just wish he could have won things with Madrid, instead.

"But I understand why he decided to stay in Italy. When I left Barcelona, staying in Spain was an important factor in my decision to join Madrid. I did not have to change country or learn a new language, adopt a different sort of lifestyle, and so on.

"Also, I know the Spanish League very well and I feel at home playing in it. There was interest from clubs in Italy and England, I believe. But I've never been attracted by the way they play in Italy. Staying in Spain was always my preference."

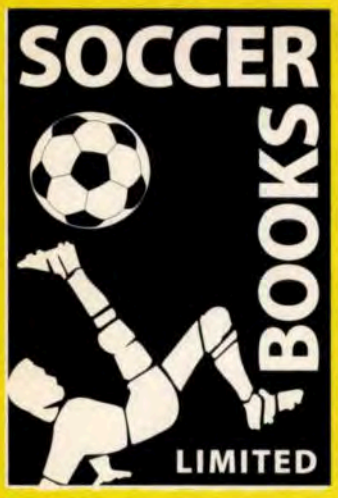
Figo has always remained reticent about his decision to quit Barcelona, where he had established himself as one of the finest wingers in the world, as club captain and as a dedicated winner of prizes. Basically, his departure was provoked by the power vacuum at Camp Nou after Josep Luis Nunez stepped down as president but before Joan Gaspart had been voted in as successor.

As Figo tells it, his advisers told Nunez there were other offers, but he responded that he had renegotiated the player's contract the previous year and would not do so again.

Anyway, since he was standing down as president, he had no real say in the matter. Madrid came along, comparatively late in the proceedings, and the rest, as they say, is football history.

Figo concedes: "Some of the fans here were not too sure about their club signing a player from their biggest rivals. Fortunately, we had a great season and won the League title for the first time in four years. Now, I think, everyone can say it was good business."

That's all Madrid and their fans want to say about the Zidane deal this time next year.



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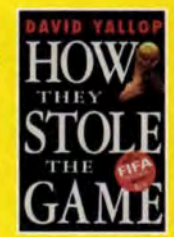

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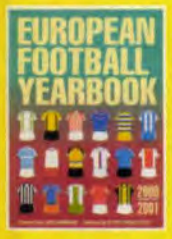

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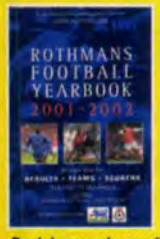

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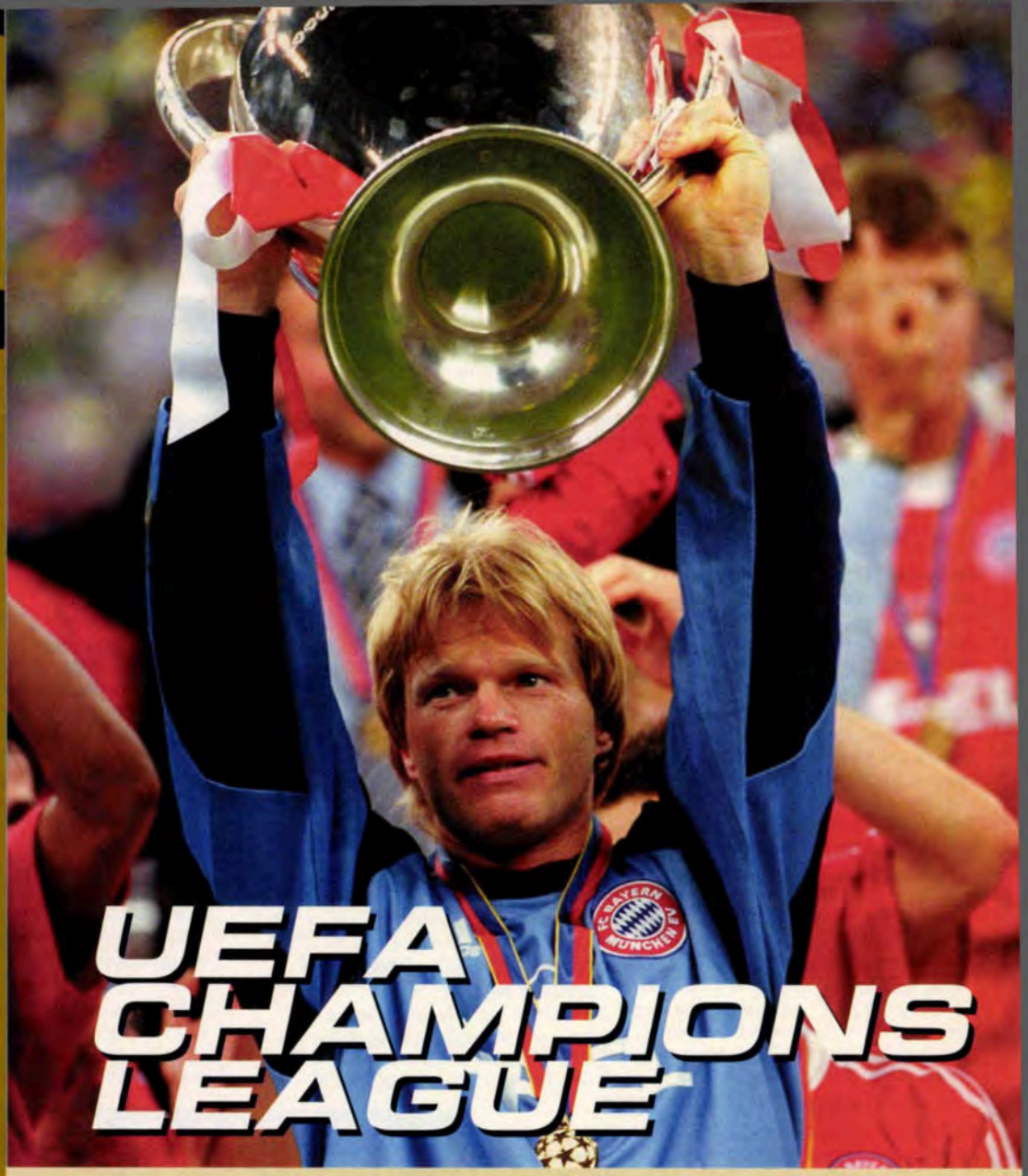

Forget the glory, count the cash

Starting opposite, we highlight the contenders and also-rans for this season's Champions League in our 24-page guide. But, as Gavin Hamilton says here, everyone was a winner last time out

LAST SEASON, every club in the Champions League was a winner, financially at least. Of the competition's total revenue of one billion Swiss francs or £416million, UEFA handed back £304m to the participating clubs.

Even champion clubs who did not qualify for the first group stage received £62,000 each, and those teams knocked out in the first and second qualifying rounds boosted their bank balance by £33,000. Teams who then went out of the UEFA Cup in the first two rounds received £33,000 for each round.

But those figures were small beer compared to the riches on offer for the clubs reaching the tournament's latter stages.

Last season's winners, Bayern Munich, received a total of £29.6m from UEFA, including a £4.16m payment as winners and £16.3m from the German TV pool. Once gate receipts and local sponsorship are added, Bayern can reasonably expect to have earned more than £40m from last season's Champions League campaign.

Bayern benefited from the early elimination of the other German clubs, receiving a bigger share of the German TV pool. In fact, the Bundesliga champions received three times the figure earned by beaten finalists Valencia from the Spanish TV pool.

Similarly, Lazio earned £12m from the Italian TV pool, twice the figure earned by semi-finalists Leeds, one of three English teams to reach the quarter-finals. Monaco and Juventus both pocketed £11m overall, despite going out after the first group stage.

Whoever said that losing doesn't pay?

AJAX

Starting stage two

Klaas-Jan Droppert on the next round of Co Adriaanse's three-year plan

NOW in his second season in Amsterdam, Ajax coach Co Adriaanse is building a team that should reach its peak after three years, just like he did at Willem II, where he surprisingly reached the Champions League.

Adriaanse's strategy certainly has raised a few eyebrows. First, instead of competing for the Dutch League title he said his goal was to reach a top-five spot. He immediately opted for a very youthful team, leaving highly-respected former internationals such as Aron Winter and Richard Witschge on the bench or in the stands.

On the pitch Ajax were inconsistent in the League and almost missed third spot after losing twice at home within a week. However, on the last day of the 2000-01 season Ajax sealed the deal.

Adriaanse then said that his next goal would be to finish second, but later had to swallow his words. The board insisted that a club like Ajax should be going for gold every season. So the coach hopes to make more progress this season. But success in Europe, either by qualifying for the Champions League or by entering the safety net of the UEFA Cup, will probably come too early for a squad that looks particularly vulnerable in defence. However, striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic could be a sensation.

Other new signings include young Egyptian Ahmed Hossam, from Gent, and Tunisian defender Hatem Trabelsi.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Grim **2** Trabelsi **3** Pasanen **4** Chivu **5** De Cler **6** Galasek **7** Van der Vaart **8** Ikedia **9** Ibrahimovic **10** Arveladze **11** Hossam

Ajax will play an unusual 4-2-4, although the wingers drop back as soon as they lose possession. Rafael Van der Vaart and skipper Tomas Galasek play the controlling role in midfield. Up front, Ibrahimovic will be assisted by Shota Arveladze. Adriaanse has several options in attack, but, Romanian starlet Cristian Chivu apart, lacks quality defenders.

WHAT THEY SAY

CO ADRIAANSE
– believing that playing Champions League qualifiers would disturb his 2001-02 season build-up.
"I'd rather have finished fourth than third."

On the ball...but winger Andy Van der Meyde will probably start on the bench

ANDERLECHT

Anthuenis dealt a weaker hand

The Belgians have not fared well in the transfer market, says Nicholas Harling

FOR A CLUB that exceeded all expectations last season in reaching the last 16 of the Champions League, Anderlecht deserved more than to suffer such a debilitating exodus once they had retained their domestic title.

Four key players left, one from defence, one from midfield and the main strikers, Jan Koller and Tomasz Radzinski, the Belgian League's top two scorers.

There was nothing for it but to acquire the third highest marksman, Nenad Jestrovic from Mouscron – which would have been fine had the Yugoslav not then broken a leg which will delay his debut until late September.

Last season the Anderlecht attack picked itself. Now, until Jestrovic is fit, coach Aime Anthuenis will have to choose between last season's makeweights, Aruna Dindane, of Ivory Coast, and Ukrainian Oleg Iachtchouk, who will vie for places with newcomers Gilles De Bilde – returning to the fold – Croatian Ivica Mornar, Seol Ki-hyeon from South Korea, and Ode Thompson.

Two more new signings, Egyptian Tarek El Said, and Marc Hendrikx, have reinforced a midfield now lacking the departed Bart Goor. Likewise, Didier Dheedene's exit has opened the way for Olivier Doll to establish himself in defence.

If anything, Anthuenis may find himself with too many options.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 De Wilde **2** Doll **3** Crasson **4** Ilic **5** De Boeck **6** Hendrikx **7** Hasi **8** Vanderhaeghe **9** El Said **10** Jestrovic **11** De Bilde

The early signs are that Anthuenis will stick to last season's favoured and fluent 4-4-2 system. This greatly depends on the midfield graft of Alin Stoica and Walter Baseggio, both currently fighting for fitness.

WHAT THEY SAY

MARYAN MAHIEU, BELGIAN TV STATISTICIAN
"Anderlecht have lost much better players than those they have signed. Even if Anthuenis ever decides on his best formation, it will be a miracle if he can inspire the club to great heights again."

Another chance...Oleg Iachtchouk can establish himself up front this season

ARSENAL

The Vieira and Sol show

Gavin Hamilton on the key figures in a reinforced Highbury squad

IT WAS a busy summer at Highbury, but crucially one player, Patrick Vieira, stayed put. Despite much behind-the-scenes manoeuvring by Vieira's agent – with Arsenal at one stage accusing Manchester United of making an illegal approach – the French World Cup-winning midfielder has committed himself to Arsenal for the foreseeable future.

Vieira is arguably the best player in the world in his position, defensive central midfield, and Arsenal would have felt naked going into Champions League battle without him. Manager Arsene Wenger made Vieira vice-captain for the coming season, with the likelihood that he will succeed Tony Adams (35 in October) as club captain if he stays next year.

With new investments Sol Campbell, Junichi Inamoto, Giovanni Van Bronckhorst, Francis Jeffers and Richard Wright, Arsenal have a stronger squad than the one that reached last season's quarter-finals.

Campbell's arrival is the most significant, and not just because of his hugely controversial switch from North London rivals Spurs. Campbell will partner Martin Keown or Adams as Wenger finally breaks up the famous Highbury back line.

Van Bronckhorst will be an able partner for Vieira in midfield, while Inamoto may take time to adjust to the rigours of the European game. Jeffers and Wright give Wenger extra options in attack and goal respectively. However, keeping the likes of Nwankwo Kanu and Sylvain Wiltord happy on the bench will test Wenger's man-management.

One possible blot on the landscape is the future of Wenger himself. His contract expires at the season's end and he has yet to agree a new deal.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Seaman **2** Dixon **3** Campbell **4** Keown **5** Cole **6** Ljungberg **7** Vieira **8** Van Bronckhorst **9** Pires **10** Henry **11** Wiltord

Arsenal play 4-4-2, with new signing Campbell likely to be the cornerstone of a new defence, alongside Keown or Adams. Ashley Cole is well established at left-back, forcing Silvinho on to the transfer list. Right-back is more of a problem, with Lee Dixon, at 37, unlikely to play in every game. Wenger used Lauren in the position in some pre-season games. David Seaman remains first choice in goal, with £5m signing Wright on the bench for now. In midfield, Vieira and Van Bronckhorst are the likely central midfield partnership, with Freddie Ljungberg and Robert Pires on the flanks. Ray Parlour is an option on the right, while Van Bronckhorst can switch to the left to accommodate Gilles Grimandi. Up front, Thierry Henry is a certain starter, alongside one from Wiltord, Jeffers, Kanu and, for games where flying is not required, Dennis Bergkamp.

WHAT THEY SAY

ARSENE WENGER

"We have more cover and because the championship and the Champions League are more compact this coming season, then we will need two teams."

New kid on the block...Inamoto may struggle to adapt to the English game

BARCELONA

Camp Nou's £60m refit

Only time will tell if the summer signings are up to scratch, says Gavin Hamilton

ANOTHER summer of changes at Camp Nou, with coach Carles Rexach handed £60million to rebuild the side.

Rexach, the former assistant to Johan Cruyff who replaced Llorenc Serra Ferrer in April last season, wasted no time in ringing the changes. Out went Emmanuel Petit and Boudewijn Zenden, both sold to Chelsea and both critical of their time at Barça.

In came Argentinian wonder boy Javier Saviola, top scorer at the recent World Youth Cup; goalkeeper Roberto Bonano, Saviola's compatriot and former River Plate team-mate; French defender Philippe Christanval; Swedish centre-back Patrik Andersson, a Champions League winner with Bayern last May; and Brazilians Geovanni, a forward, and midfielder Fabio Rochemback.

Rexach now faces the challenge of moulding the new arrivals into a team capable of challenging Real Madrid's domestic supremacy, while making a decent stab at European competition. After last season's disappointments – third place in the Champions League first group phase and then defeat by Liverpool in the UEFA Cup semi-finals – more will be expected of the coach.

Rexach signed a new two-year contract this summer, but only after Barcelona had failed in their attempts to lure Fabio Capello, Hector Cuper and Sir Alex Ferguson to Camp Nou.

While the coach waits for his new signings, particularly the £20m Saviola, to bed in, much will depend on the form of Brazilian maestro Rivaldo.

Barcelona resisted attempts by Lazio to lure Rivaldo to Serie A during the summer. A row over whether Rivaldo had actually been paid last year's agreed salary rise served only to heighten the importance to Barcelona of the man whose remarkable overhead kick against Valencia in the final minute of the final Spanish League game sealed his club's place in the Champions League.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Bonano **2** Puyol **3** Andersson **4** Christanval **5** Luis Enrique **6** Rochemback **7** Cocu **8** Rivaldo **9** Saviola **10** Kluivert **11** Overmars

Under Rexach, Barcelona play an ambitious, attacking 3-4-3 formation. New signing Bonano is first choice in goal, behind a back three of Andersson, Christanval and the right-sided Puyol. Fabio Rochemback or Xavi perform defensive midfield duties, with the versatile Luis Enrique on the right and Cocu on the left. Rivaldo has freedom to roam behind the main striker Patrick Kluivert, with Marc Overmars attacking down the left and Saviola on the right. Other attacking midfield options include Geovanni and Gabri. In attack, Rexach can also call upon Dani and Alfonso, while Rivaldo can play further forward. Frank De Boer, available after his drugs ban was shortened, Michael Reiziger, Abelardo and Sergi provide defensive cover.

WHAT THEY SAY

CARLES REXACH

"The fans are desperate to see us back to winning ways after two disappointing seasons. We've signed lots of players from different countries and schools of football. Moulding them into a team is the hard bit. We'll definitely need a bit of luck early on."

Wonder boy...Javier Saviola

BAYER LEVERKUSEN

Toppi calls the shots

The new coach has knocked the team into shape, reports Nick Bidwell

MANY argued that Leverkusen's Bundesliga challenge faded in the second half of last season because no one knew who was in charge. Was it head coach Berti Vogts or one of his high-profile assistants, Pierre Littbarski, Toni Schumacher or Wolfgang Rolff?

But there should be no crisis of authority now that the experienced Klaus Toppmoller has taken over at the helm.

'Toppi' will be the only one calling the shots and is just the man to call time on the dressing-room squabbles, tactical uncertainties and regular bouts of de-motivation which afflicted the Rhinelanders during Vogts' short reign.

Leverkusen enjoyed a productive time at the summer sales. New keeper Hans-Jorg Butt, from Hamburg, is in a different class to his error-prone predecessors Adam Matysek, Pascal Zuberbuhler and Frank Juric; ex-Wolfsburg right-sided midfielder Zoltan Sebescen needs to work on his crossing but will make a positive contribution with his strong running and passing; and Germany-born Turkish international Yildiray Basturk is an irrepressible schemer who should forge an exciting midfield partnership with Michael Ballack.

Brazilian Ze Roberto could also feature but must overcome both a groin injury and disappointment after his hoped-for move to Deportivo La Coruna fell through.

Initially, Toppmoller will have to do without forwards Paulo Rink and young Bulgarian Dimitar Berbatov, sidelined with knee injuries. However, the evergreen 35-year-old Ulf Kirsten – who says this will be his last season – and little Oliver Neuville were always going to be the first-choice front-runners and both have the finishing ability to capitalise fully on Ballack and Basturk's approach work.

At the back, Jens Nowotny needs to regain his confidence after a couple of nightmare games for Germany at the end of last term. And can Leverkusen retain in-demand Brazilian stopper Lucio, wanted by both Lazio and Roma?

Irrepressible...Yildiray Basturk

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Butt 2 Zivkovic 3 Nowotny 4 Lucio 5 Placente 6 Ramelow 7 Sebescen 8 Ballack 9 Basturk 10 Kirsten 11 Neuville

Under Toppmoller, Leverkusen are likely to switch from the 3-5-2 of the Vogts regime to 4-4-2. Central defence is a crucial area for the *Leverkusener*. Nowotny and Lucio are very strong in the tackle and in the air, and also adept at coming forward with the ball. Argentinian Diego Placente will raid constantly on the left flank, while the other full-back, Boris Zivkovic, has a more conservative role. The tireless Carsten Ramelow sits deep in midfield, covering for the sorties of Nowotny and Lucio; Sebescen provides the drive on the right of the engine-room, with Ballack and Basturk making the plays. Kirsten and Neuville man the attack, with Thomas Brdaric their understudy. Ze Roberto could eventually come into the equation on the left of midfield.

WHAT THEY SAY

KLAUS TOPPMOLLER

"What's gone has gone. There is a new team spirit here. The boys are highly motivated to do well in both the Bundesliga and Europe. Not one so-called expert thinks we are going to have a good season, and it rankles. We want to show we are still alive. I dismissed the sports scientist employed by my predecessor [Berti Vogts]. The trust between the players and the coach is fundamental. No one should come between us."

BAYERN MUNICH

No room for complacency

Nick Bidwell says the defending champions are stronger than ever

THERE was never any chance of Bayern Munich coach Ottmar Hitzfeld dropping his disciplinary guard after his team's Champions League triumph last May.

No sooner had Bayern reassembled for pre-season training than the insatiable Hitzfeld was laying down the law to the squad, informing them that staying ahead of the continental game would require even more sacrifice and commitment. Anyone stepping out of line would be shown the door.

Hitzfeld, the master tactician, certainly has the raw material to maintain Bayern's impressive Champions League track record – victory last term, a runners-up spot (1999) and semi-final loss (2000). Contrary to close-season reports, key figures such as Brazilian striker Giovane Elber, French wing-back Bixente Lizarazu and Nigerian defender Sammy Kuffour did not head for the exit. And the Bavarians have added to their already considerable strength in depth by bringing in brilliant Peruvian striker Claudio Pizarro from Werder Bremen, the Croat brothers Kovac – utility man Niko (ex-Hamburg) and centre-back Robert (from Leverkusen) – and defender or midfielder Pablo Thiam (Stuttgart).

Bayern have a copper-bottomed guarantee of excellence in almost every department. Oliver Kahn is one of the world's best keepers; Stefan Effenberg, Lizarazu, Mehmet Scholl, Jens Jeremies, the Bosnian Hasan Salihamidzic, young gun Owen Hargreaves, Niko Kovac and Michael Tarnat offer Hitzfeld an abundance of talent in midfield; and the attacking tandem of Elber and Pizarro looks high-octane stuff.

Yet there may be a problem at the back. The sale of Bayern's central defensive pivot, Swede Patrik Andersson, to Barcelona, prompted many a raised eyebrow and it is a matter of some doubt whether would-be replacements Thiam, Jeremies, Robert Kovac, Thomas Linke or Swiss Ciri Sforza will be as solid.

Joy division...Jeremies and Lizarazu

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Kahn 2 Kuffour 3 Thiam (Linke) 4 R Kovac 5 Sagnol 6 Jeremies (Hargreaves) 7 Effenberg 8 Lizarazu 9 Scholl 10 Elber 11 Pizarro

While Bayern can line up in any number of shapes (among them 4-4-2, 3-4-3 and 3-3-1-3), Hitzfeld's favourite is a 3-4-1-2. Ahead of the three-man defence, Effenberg and Jeremies – still struggling with a knee injury – or Hargreaves form the central midfield engine-room, with any two from Willy Sagnol, Salihamidzic, Lizarazu, Niko Kovac or Tarnat providing the width. The inventive Scholl plays on the shoulder of the attacking duo, Elber and Pizarro, with further front-line options being Paraguayan Roque Santa Cruz, Brazilian Paulo Sergio and homegrown Alexander Zickler.

WHAT THEY SAY

OTTMAR HITZFELD

"The Bundesliga is our absolute priority. To concentrate only on the Champions League would be hara-kiri. We compete on so many fronts that it is imperative to rotate the team a lot. I have over 20 players of the same high quality, and at times it will be a torment to choose between them."

BOAVISTA

Papering over the cracks

Portugal's champions have been weakened by summer departures, says Nick Bidwell

IT DID not take long for the Boavista meltdown to begin after they confounded the critics by claiming last season's Portuguese League title, the first time they had ruled the domestic roost.

Success attracts admirers with deep pockets and Boavista, not being particularly endowed with escudos, could do nothing to prevent three key men leaving.

Brazilian striker Whelliton moved to Spanish side Cordoba, influential defensive midfielder Rui Bento went to Sporting Lisbon and, the biggest blow of all, skipper and Portugal centre-back Litos was lured away by Malaga.

However, Boavista president Dr Joao Loureiro insists that his team are still competitive enough to give the opposition a run for their money, both at home and in Europe. He argues that the bulk of the championship-winning side remains and points to a long list of useful acquisitions: Litos's replacement, Brazilian Paulo Turra (from Palmeiras), defensive midfielders Pedrosa (Salgueiros) and Glauber (Pacos Ferreira), utility man Braima (Aves), attacker Joao Paulo (Vitoria Setubal) and a pair of good Brazilian strikers – Marcio (Galatasaray) and Serginho (Corinthians).

The word is that Marcio was bought on the recommendation of one Mario Jardel, who played alongside him at Galatasaray last season.

But despite the new signings, Boavista's No 1 asset continues to be their coach, Jaime Pacheco. A master motivator and tactician, he has a peerless ability to transform an apparently disparate group of individuals into a tight-knit, combative and hard-running unit. Any opposing coach who does not take his side seriously could well regret it.

They would be advised to watch out for his mind games too.

Right-flank raider...Martelinho

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Ricardo **2** Rui Oscar **3** Paulo Turra **4** Jorge Silva **5** Erivan **6** Pedrosa **7** Petit **8** Sanchez **9** Martelinho **10** Marcio **11** Serginho

Jaime Pacheco's base formation is 4-3-3, but with the majority of his players being highly versatile, he can and does change systems frequently. Paulo Turra comes in for the Malaga-bound ex-skipper Litos at the heart of the defence and will probably partner Jorge Silva, though Pedro Emanuel may push the latter hard. Frechaut and Rui Oscar will battle it out for the right-back berth, while either Erivan or William Quevedo will occupy the left-back spot. The dynamic Petit and Pedrosa are ostensibly defensive midfielders, but they like to get forward; Sanchez is the classic midfield general, while Pedro Santos is a busier but less visionary alternative. Up front, Pacheco demands plenty of width. Marcio or Silva should be the spearhead, while Martelinho, Pedro Santos or Jorge Couto play wide right and Serginho or Duda work on the left flank.

WHAT THEY SAY

JAIME PACHECO

"We will approach the Champions League in exactly the same way as we did the Portuguese championship last season. We will fear no one, we will respect everybody and attempt to be as consistent as we can."

BORUSSIA DORTMUND

Sammer's summer spending spree

Nick Bidwell on the additions that give Dortmund more options in attack

FOR Borussia Dortmund, the lesson of last season was clear – more firepower needed.

As willing as they were, front-runners Fredi Bobic and Billy Reina simply did not score enough goals in 2000-01. So it was no surprise when Dortmund's chief recruiter, sports director Michael Zorc, again turned to the proceeds of the club's stock market flotation to reconstruct their strikeforce, paying Anderlecht £7million for Czech man-mountain Jan Koller and Parma £16m for Brazilian Marcio Amoroso – the latter deal involving cash plus Brazilian defender Evanilson, who should join the Italians next season.

The marriage of Koller's bulk and aerial threat to the speed and virtuosity of Amoroso has the potential to be a most happy one.

Also vital to Dortmund's plans is Czech playmaker, Tomas Rosicky. Immediately after his £8.3m move from Sparta Prague last December, some suggested he was too raw and not worth the outlay. But the starlet did not waste any time in making a name for himself in the Bundesliga and his touch, intelligence and stamina will be a godsend in the European tests ahead.

Never one to go overboard with emotion, even coach Matthias Sammer is showing excitement at the attacking potential at his fingertips.

Yet the former Germany skipper and libero has problems too. Borussia looked tentative defensively in pre-season, Ghanaian forward Otto Addo is out for six months with damaged knee ligaments, while opinionated and provocative keeper Jens Lehmann continues to be booed by sections of the Westfalenstadion crowd, who dislike him because he used to play for arch-rivals Schalke.

It is hard to see a truce being called.

Midfield workhorse...Oliseh

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Lehmann **2** Evanilson **3** Worns **4** Kohler **5** Dede **6** Stevic **7** Ricken **8** Rosicky **9** Sorensen **10** Koller **11** Amoroso

Sammer is likely to favour an attack-conscious 4-3-3 formation. No libero will be used, with Christian Worns and Jurgen Kohler playing in a line in central defence alongside Brazilians Evanilson and Dede at full-back. The latter duo will push forward at every opportunity to turn the system into a 2-5-3. Sammer will probably choose two deep midfielders from Miroslav Stevic, Lars Ricken, Sunday Oliseh, Stefan Reuter and Jorg Heinrich, and give Rosicky freedom to float and create. Koller and Amoroso are certainties up front, but Addo's injury may give a chance to Norwegian Jan Derek Sorensen, who faded from view after arriving from Rosenborg midway through last season. If he fails to deliver, Reina or Ricken could come in on the right. Heiko Herrlich has beaten the brain tumour diagnosed last year and will serve as a back-up striker.

WHAT THEY SAY

MATTHIAS SAMMER

"All the players we have brought in for the new season have great qualities, that's beyond question. What will be decisive is how quickly they integrate to our style of play. I need every member of the squad here. In terms of strength in depth, we are a little light compared to Bayern Munich, for example."

CELTIC

High on confidence

The Scottish champions are hungry for even more success, says Alan Fairley

CELTIC went into this season's Champions League campaign as a much more positive, hungrier unit than the last and only other time they have appeared in the competition. That was three years ago, when they succumbed tamely to Croatia Zagreb in the second qualifying round.

Confidence is currently high at Parkhead after the club won the domestic treble – League, Scottish Cup and League Cup – in Martin O'Neill's first season in charge. But as the ebullient Irishman sets about mounting a European campaign, there are serious doubts about his team's defensive strengths. The principal worry is that the close-season loss of centre-backs Alan Stubbs and Ramon Vega has been compensated only by the acquisition of a half-fit Bobo Balde from Toulouse.

Even so, the sensational scoring ability of inspirational Swedish forward Henrik Larsson allied to the exceptional atmosphere generated at Parkhead on European evenings undoubtedly give Celtic an enormous advantage.

The squad has been strengthened in recent weeks by the acquisition of St Johnstone wing-back Momo Sylla, Leicester winger Steve Guppy and Coventry forward John Hartson.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Douglas **2** Mjallby **3** Balde **4** Valgaeren **5** McNamara **6** Thompson **7** Lambert **8** Lennon **9** Moravcic **10** Sutton **11** Larsson

O'Neill favours a 3-5-2 formation, and although his defensive options are limited, he has a wealth of midfield talent at his disposal. This will allow him to use the ageing Lubo Moravcic sparingly, with wide men Bobby Petta and Didier Agathe likely to feature prominently. Last season's regular front-line partnership of Chris Sutton and Larsson proved lethal, but the arrival of Hartson offers O'Neill the option of withdrawing Sutton from the attack to play in midfield.

WHAT THEY SAY

MARTIN O'NEILL

"We may have won the championship but it's only a starting point. Success in Europe has to be our next goal."

Saving grace...Robert Douglas is the last line of defence for Celtic

FC COPENHAGEN

Leading from the front

Jim Holden on the key role to be played by the Danish outsiders' strikeforce

THE ability of the Danish champions to make progress in Europe, along the lines of Scandinavian cousins Rosenborg, depends largely on whether young strikers Sibusiso Zuma and Todi Jonsson can replicate their domestic form on a grander stage.

Certainly South African Zuma began the Champions League campaign well, scoring in both legs of the second qualifying round victory against Georgian side Torpedo Kutaisi.

The forwards have some solid performers behind them, with veteran international defender Jacob Laursen a reassuring presence at the back.

Then there are newcomers Morten Bisgaard and Carsten Fredgaard in midfield, both potential Danish internationals over the next few years.

Another summer signing, Thomas Roll, has joined what is virtually a new midfield quartet.

FC Copenhagen are now under the guidance of Swedish coach Kent Karlsson, who replaced Roy Hodgson.

Karlsson probably has a stronger squad than the Englishman had, but it is asking a lot of him to inspire instant achievement in European club competition.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Kihlstedt **2** Rytter **3** Madsen **4** Laursen **5** Jensen **6** Bisgaard **7** Poulsen **8** Roll **9** Fredgaard **10** Zuma **11** Jonsson

Coach Karlsson has sensibly opted to maintain the 4-4-2 strategy of his predecessor. The team are solid, functional, hard to beat, but perhaps a little predictable.

WHAT THEY SAY

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"You have to live in Utopia to think a Danish club can go a long way in the Champions League. They will be able to pull off some great individual results, but the competition is geared against the small nations."

Up for it...Thomas Roll is part of the new-look midfield

DEPORTIVO LA CORUNA

Steady and ready

The Spanish runners-up are still making progress, says Gavin Hamilton

SLOWLY but surely, and without the histrionics associated with Real Madrid and Barcelona, Deportivo La Coruna have set about preparing themselves for the Champions League campaign.

After last season's run to the quarter-finals, Deportivo won the chance to stage a repeat performance by finishing second to Real in the Spanish League.

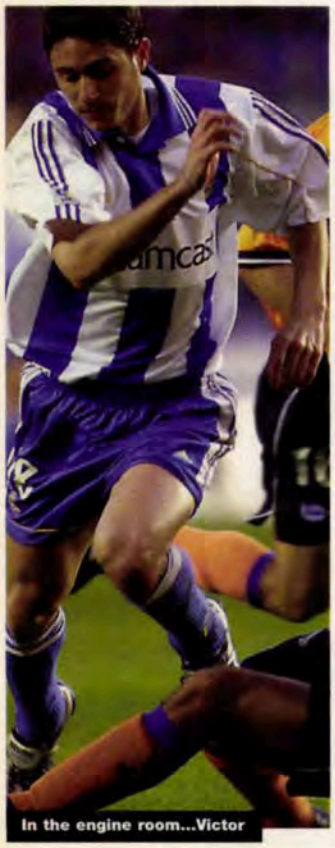
Now, reinforced by Goran Djorovic (Celta Vigo), Jose Maria Amavisca (Racing Santander), Hector (Sevilla) and, crucially, Sergio (Espanyol), they can be confident of more progress on two fronts.

The Sergio transfer had not been confirmed at press time; a disagreement over wages had not been settled, although the clubs had agreed an £11million fee. But the signing of the versatile Spanish international, who had been coveted by a number of clubs, including Real Madrid and Valencia, will bolster the midfield.

Crucially for Depor, another summer transfer did not happen. They rebuffed interest from Real in right-back Manuel Pablo. Club president Augusto Lendoiro insisted the player would only be available if Real paid the buy-out clause in his contract, rumoured to be in the region of £55m. So the defender stays, as do mercurial midfielder Djalminha and the effective strikeforce of Diego Tristan and Dutchman Roy Makaay.

Add the new boys, hard-working defender Hector, the experienced Amavisca and Yugoslav defender Djorovic, whom coach Javier Irureta signed for Celta Vigo in 1997, and Deportivo start to look like good bets to repeat last season's achievements.

Lendoiro certainly thinks so. "We have a squad and a set of supporters who are prepared to prove there are many more pages to be written about this club," he says.



In the engine room...Victor

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Molina 2 Manuel Pablo 3 Djorovic 4 Naybet 5 Romero 6 Mauro Silva 7 Emerson 8 Victor 9 Djalminha 10 Fran 11 Makaay

Irureta prefers a 4-5-1 formation, with Francisco Molina the first-choice keeper. Djorovic is likely to partner Moroccan Noureddine Naybet in central defence, with Manuel Pablo and Romero on the flanks. Hector, Helder, Cesar and veteran Donato provide defensive cover. In midfield the options are plentiful, with Mauro Silva, recently recalled by Brazil, and Emerson (ex-Middlesbrough) doing the defensive duties. In front of them Victor fills the right-hand berth, with Fran on the left and Djalminha in a free role in the middle. Irureta must now find a place for new signing Sergio, while the likes of Amavisca, Valeron, Cesar Sampaio and Capdevila will start on the bench. Makaay is the likely lone striker, with Diego Tristan the preferred option if Depor switch to 4-4-2. Walter Pandiani provides attacking cover.

WHAT THEY SAY

JAVIER IRURETA

"Last season was even better than the 1999-00 title-winning campaign. Despite having to cope with 14 tough Champions League games, we scored more goals and finished with more points. I no longer have any doubts about our ability to compete on two fronts."

FENERBAHCE

Denizli doing well

Hasan Cemali on the instant success of the former Turkish national team coach

MUSTAFA DENIZLI enjoyed a triumphant 2000-01 season, leading Fenerbahce to the Turkish League title in his first season in charge and putting an end to Galatasaray's four-year winning streak.

Many observers had doubted the ability of the former Turkish national team coach to create a cohesive side so quickly, especially since the club had made no fewer than nine new signings in the summer of 2000.

But the likes of Yugoslavian midfielder Nikola Lazetic, his compatriot, defender Zoran Mirkovic, Israeli attacking midfielder Haim Revivo, and strikers Kennet Andersson of Sweden and Croat Milan Rapajic proved to be excellent buys. The Turkish newcomers – midfielders Yusuf Simsek and Ali Gunes – more than earned their keep as well.

Revivo was the best of the bunch, finishing team top scorer with 14 League goals. Indeed, goals were never a problem, with Rapajic hitting 11, Andersson 10 – despite a four-month knee injury lay-off – and his replacement, youngster Serhat, netting nine.

This summer, Denizli has not looked abroad, concentrating instead on bringing in home-grown talent to improve the defence – the team's biggest problem area. Sweeper Umit Ozat has come in from Genclerbirligi, and left-sided defender Ali Akdeniz signed from Samsunspor.

Other new additions are midfielder Hakan Bayraktar, from Gaziantepspor, and Siirt Jet-Pa attacking midfielder Ceyhun. The forward line has been strengthened by the signing of international regular Oktay Derelioglu, from Trabzonspor.

Off the field, the club was boosted by the decision of long-term president Aziz Yildirim to stay on, having earlier resigned for health reasons. The popular Yildirim was duly re-elected, for the fourth time.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Rustu 2 Umit Karan 3 Ogun 4 Mustafa 5 Mirkovic 6 Lazetic 7 Johnson 8 Abdullah 9 Revivo 10 Oktay 11 Serhat

Coach Denizli believes in attack and prefers to use a 3-4-3 formation. He plays this in away games as well as at home, a risky strategy that can inevitably backfire. In the League last season, Fener won all their home games, but lost six and drew four of their 17 away matches.

WHAT THEY SAY

MUSTAFA DENIZLI

"Fenerbahce fans have great expectations for their team. We won the League title and our next step is to be successful in Europe. We are now better organised than last season. We aim to play in the Champions League and achieve better results than Galatasaray. Belief is the most important element in our success."

Defensive heart...Ogun Temizkanoglu

FEYENOORD

Surprises in store

Klaas-Jan Droppert expects better things from the revitalised Dutch

WITH the arrival of much-travelled striker Pierre Van Hooijdonk from Benfica and left-back Ramon Van Haaren (Roda JC), Feyenoord have finally covered their weak spots. Now the Rotterdam club's fanatical fans are expecting coach Bert Van Marwijk to lead his team to at least the second group phase. Feyenoord surprised their critics by doing so two years ago, and after beating Lazio just missed a quarter-final spot.

This time they have a much stronger squad, although danger is hiding round the corner. Last year, Feyenoord were eliminated in the qualifying round by unfancied Sturm Graz. The tie came far too early for a team that hadn't gelled as a unit. Now, with the arrival of several newcomers, the same problem could arise.

On the positive side, the presence of Shinji Ono, Leonardo Silva and stalwart Jean Paul Van Gastel means they at least have more than adequate replacements if a midfielder is ruled out. Last year Feyenoord couldn't keep pace with PSV in the Dutch League because their stand-ins failed when several influential midfielders such as Paul Bosvelt and Leonardo Santiago were sidelined.

But what will happen if Van Hooijdonk is unable to play for any reason? So far Jon Dahl Tomasson and Swede Johan Elmander haven't caught the eye as natural goalscorers. It will be interesting to see how the team will cope with pressure and injuries.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Dudek **2** Emerton **3** Van Wonderen **4** De Haan **5** Van Haaren **6** Kalou **7** Bosvelt **8** Paauwe **9** Leonardo Silva **10** Tomasson **11** Van Hooijdonk

Feyenoord will play an orthodox 4-4-2. Polish international keeper Jerzy Dudek, linked with Arsenal in the close season, is a solid last line of defence, while in midfield Bosvelt and Patrick Paauwe fill the holding roles, with Bonaventure Kalou and Brazilian Leonardo Silva on the flanks. The service to forwards Van Hooijdonk and Tomasson will be crucial, and if it is not adequate, Feyenoord have another Brazilian, also called Leonardo, in the wings. Last season explosive teenage winger Leonardo Santiago was caught up in the illegal passport scandal and was cleared only towards the end of the campaign.

WHAT THEY SAY

BERT VAN MARWIJK
"It seems that I can only make mistakes."

Strike threat...Feyenoord look to Van Hooijdonk to boost their goal tally

Missing influence...Okan Buruk (left)

GALATASARAY

Problems for Lucescu

Hasan Cemali reports that it's all change in Istanbul

GALATASARAY have undergone a complete makeover since the team reached the Champions League quarter-finals last season.

Okan Buruk and Emre Belozoglu have gone to Internazionale, Fatih Akyel to Mallorca, and Brazilian goalkeeper Claudio Taffarel has joined Parma. Mario Jardel has also departed, with Marseille looking favourites to land the Brazilian forward, while the legendary Gheorghe Hagi has returned to Romania to take charge of the national team.

Gala coach Mircea Lucescu is feeling his way with a number of new faces in the squad, and it is not surprising that results in pre-season matches in Switzerland and Germany have ranged from mediocre to poor.

One of the weak links may be in goal, where Colombian Farid Mondragon, bought from Metz as Taffarel's replacement, has been disappointing. He tends to stay rooted to his line and has conceded goals that looked preventable.

At the back Gheorghe Popescu will continue as sweeper, playing between captain Bulent Korkmaz on the left and another new signing, Sebastien Perez, on loan from Marseille.

Goktan Berkant (ex-Bayern Munich) can play either as a forward or in an attacking midfield role just behind the main strikers, and at 21 is an exciting prospect.

Lucescu could well be tempted to push Serkan Aykut forward alongside another new signing, Umit Karan (Genclerbirligi). But Sergen Yalcin (Siirt Jet-Pa) and Ayhan Akman (Besiktas) are out of form, and it seems there is no adequate replacement for Hagi at the moment.

As if Lucescu doesn't have enough problems, off-the-field tensions are threatening to disrupt Gala's campaign. Disputes between new chairman Mehmet Cansun, his election opponent Ates Unal Erzen and Cem Uzan, the owner of the company that runs the club's sponsorship deal, have proved an unsettling influence.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Mondragon **2** Hakan Unsal **3** Bulent Korkmaz **4** Popescu **5** Capone **6** Hasan **7** Suat **8** Ergun **9** Umit Davala **10** Umit Karan **11** Berkant.

Lucescu prefers a basic 4-4-2 but with great emphasis placed on collective football and dynamism – the coach encourages the team to press as much as possible. The departure of Hagi has meant a major tactical restructuring, but without him Gala have speeded up their game. Ergun Penbe and Suat Kaya will provide the driving force in midfield. It be interesting to see how Gala cope without Jardel's predatory instincts up front but new boys Berkant and Umit Karan have the potential to fill the gap.

WHAT THEY SAY

MIRCEA LUCESCU
"We have had to reorganise after losing six players. In the past we depended on Hagi but now we have learned how to play without him and are more dynamic. The newcomers have brought pace and stamina to our system and I believe we have a squad capable of winning the Champions League."

GRASSHOPPER

Outsiders looking to overcome losses

The Swiss are quietly confident despite summer sales, says Ivar von Rulach

Troubled start...Peter Jehle

THE Swiss champions – with a record 26 titles – have high hopes of emulating their Champions League exploits of 1996 and 1997, when they registered some notable triumphs against top-ranked sides such as Ajax and Auxerre in the group stages.

Head coach Hans-Peter Zaugg can boast an abundance of top players. Last season's leading scorer, Stephane Chapuisat, who was voted the Swiss League's best player, is still, at 32, as dangerous as ever.

The loss of international striker Hakan Yakin to Basle has been compensated by the acquisition of Uruguayan international Richard Nunez midway through the championship stage. The attacking midfielder scored nine goals in as many appearances.

Meanwhile, Zaugg has been grooming talented 20-year-old Mladen Petric, a dual national with Croatian roots, to take Yakin's place.

Following the sale of Bernt Haas to Sunderland, Zaugg was hoping for a quick return to full fitness of key defender Luca Denicola and also the return from injury of experienced goalkeeper Stefan Huber. Peter Jehle, Liechtenstein's 19-year-old national keeper, who has stood in for Huber, has difficulty handling high crosses and is not considered ready for regular League duty. He conceded eight goals in the first five rounds this term, which included a 5-2 rout at Lugano.

The Zurich-based champions were in fifth place in the Swiss championship with seven points.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Jehle **2** Hodel **3** Gerber **4** Berner
5 Smiljanic **6** Cabanas **7** Papa Bouba
8 Tararache **9** Nunez **10** Chapuisat **11** Petric

Zaugg favours a basic 4-4-2 formation, with Chapuisat and Petric leading a two-pronged attack. In midfield, Ricardo Cabanas and Richard Nunez work the right and left flanks respectively, slightly ahead of the more central Papa Bouba and Mihai Tararache. The tried and tested defensive quartet comprises, injuries permitting, veteran Marc Hodel, Andres Gerber (or Denicola), Bruno Berner and Boris Smiljanic.

WHAT THEY SAY

STEPHANE CHAPUISAT
"We are the outsiders. But if we strike top form, we must be in with an outsider's chance."

Shrewd buys...Hans-Peter Zaugg

HAJDUK SPLIT

Back in business

Zdravko Reic on the return to favour of Croatia's former powerhouse

AFTER five years of playing second fiddle to Croatia (now Dinamo) Zagreb, Hajduk Split won their fourth Croatian League title last term. Suddenly, their supporters can harbour hopes that their excellent campaign of 1994-95 can be repeated.

Back then, Hajduk won the domestic League and Cup double, and also reached the quarter-finals of the Champions League.

That expectations are so high can be put down to the return of former players Aljosa Asanovic and Igor Stimac. Furthermore, Hajduk's two best players from last season, Ivan Bosnjak and Stipe Pletikosa, have stayed at the club against the odds. Pletikosa had signed a contract with Marseille, but the deal collapsed.

Confidence is high that Hajduk will retain their domestic League title, so attention has turned to Europe. However, in the past Hajduk have promised much, only to disappoint. Their fans, often frustrated by past failures, have earned a reputation for trouble-making. Hajduk's ultras, the Torcida, are known for political thuggery. Meanwhile, Hajduk's coach Zoran Vulic resigned unexpectedly in the summer; some suggested he feared failure in Europe.

The new coach is former international and ex-Hajduk player Nenad Gracan, who was in charge of Rijeka two years ago when political intervention prevented them winning the League.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Pletikosa **2** Sablic **3** Stimac **4** Djolonga
5 Srna **6** Musa **7** Carevic (Asanovic)
8 Rendulic **9** Bosnjak **10** Bilic **11** Deranja

Hajduk like to play on the counter-attack and their key player is Bosnjak, the best player in the Croatian League over the past season. If given enough space, the trio of Bosnjak, Mate Bilic and Zvonimir Deranja will create plenty of chances. However, Hajduk find it hard to play against a well-drilled defence and they lack prowess in the air.

WHAT THEY SAY

TOMISLAV IVIC, VETERAN CROAT COACH
"Hajduk have a very good collection of players but they have yet to blend properly on the pitch. However, they can only get better as they continue their European campaign."

Mixing it in midfield...Krunoslav Rendulic

FC HAKA

Lucky devils

Pentti Hietanen on the slip that let in the Finnish champions

HOW lucky can you get? FC Haka were outplayed and outscored by Israel's Maccabi Haifa to the tune of 5-0, yet managed to get a dream tie against Liverpool because the Israelis' had used an ineligible player.

As the scoreline against Maccabi suggests, FC Haka are, after winning three consecutive League titles, having a hangover season.

Their injury list could not have been much worse, with Russian Valery Popovitch a notable absentee. Also, captain Jukka Koskinen will miss the rest of the season because of a serious knee injury.

The absence of Popovitch has proved a major headache for coach Keith Armstrong. The former Moscow Spartak striker, who has already registered a century of Finnish League goals, has personified FC Haka's recent success. It would be perhaps unfair to call them a one-man team, but the fact remains that without Popovitch's goals and cunning passes, FC Haka's play looks quite prosaic.

But even when Popovitch is fit, his powers to help FC Haka in Europe are restricted to home matches, because of the player's fear of flying.

Armstrong, 'Keke' to Finns, has become a media darling as a lively TV analyst. His achievements in the Finnish League are beyond question, but the Newcastle-born coach has still to convince people that he can cut it in Europe as well. The matches against Maccabi were perhaps the worst in Armstrong's time at the club.

Hungarian goalkeeper Andras Vilnrotter is a solid performer. His compatriot, the giant Peter Kovacs, is the main threat up front if Popovitch is not playing. David Wilson, once in Manchester United's youth team, and Yugoslavian Dragan Bajic are midfield work-horses. Acting captain Lasse Karjalainen works diligently either in defence or in midfield. For away games in Europe, Popovitch's place will be taken by Ville Vaisanen, who has previously played in Holland and Greece.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Vilnrotter **2** Kangaskopri **3** Saastamoinen **4** Okkonen **5** Aalto **6** Karjalainen **7** Wilson **8** Bajic **9** Torkkeli **10** Popovitch **11** Kovacs

FC Haka operate a classic, British-style 4-4-2 with acting skipper Karjalainen as a midfield anchor man. Popovitch has a free role up front.

WHAT THEY SAY

KEITH ARMSTRONG

"It's a cold fact that the Champions League has been designed exclusively for big clubs."

Solid...Andras Vilnrotter

HALMSTADS

Route one to success

The Swedish champions will be hard to beat, says Pentti Hietanen

HALMSTADS coach Tom Prahl could afford a smile when the predicted mass exodus from the plucky Swedish club did not happen this summer. Halmstads managed to tie several key players to new contracts, including star forward Stefan Selakovic and defender Tommy Jonsson.

Halmstads announced that reaching the Champions League would secure full-time soccer at the club for the next four years. With this in mind, they have fended off foreign buyers, blocking stopper Michael Svensson's move to Troyes of France, for example.

Halmstads offer well-drilled defence, aerial power at set-pieces plus the individual sparkle of Selakovic.

The forward, of Bosnian origin, has energy to burn and operates well in the box. He dovetails beautifully with speedy Robert Andersson.

Hakan Svensson is a seasoned campaigner in goal, while defenders Michael Svensson and Jonsson are both knocking on the door of Sweden's national team. Left-back Fredrik Andersson is the captain.

Veteran Torbjorn Arvidsson is Halmstads' heart and soul in midfield, assisted by robust Petter Hansson. Ghana-born Sam Wowoah, signed from Djurgardens, adds pace and trickery on the left.

Prahl is a renowned tactician with a down-to-earth mentality. But his squad lacks strength in depth, and injuries to key players could prove costly.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 H Svensson **2** Vennberg **3** Jonsson **4** M Svensson **5** F Andersson **6** Nilsson **7** Arvidsson **8** Hansson **9** Wowoah **10** Selakovic **11** R Andersson

Halmstads normally use a 4-4-2 system. The ball is often played quickly to the wing to enforce a two-against-one situation. Defenders Michael Svensson and Jonsson are used aggressively at set-pieces, as is Hansson. Arvidsson is the midfield barometer.

WHAT THEY SAY

TOM PRAHL

"People often wonder why Halmstads score so many goals during the second half. There is no secret behind this, just a few quiet words in the dressing-room at half-time about keeping concentration and patience."

Shooting star...Stefan Selakovic

INTER BRATISLAVA

Life after Nemeth

Ed Holt says the Slovakian champions will overcome the loss of their star man

THE summer departure of striker Szilard Nemeth to Middlesbrough gave Jozef Bubenko, coach of Slovakian double-winners Inter Bratislava, a headache. He could only remedy the situation by buying two forwards to replace his lost star as the team headed into Champions League qualifying action and domestic commitments.

But while Nemeth's 23 goals had been the foundation for Inter's second consecutive Double, the team were never entirely convincing at the back.

Zsolt Hornyak held them together when they most needed it, but his move to Dinamo Moscow prompted Bubenko to buy Radoslav Kunzo from Puchov to try to shore up potential holes at the back. The coach also brought in strikers Alias Lembakoali (Puchov) and Sasa Micovic (OFK Belgrade).

Bubenko recognises that the new players, especially Lembakoali, plus national keeper Miroslav Hyll are crucial to the team's chances of a third Double and for keeping their noses in front of rivals Slovan Bratislava for the season.

WHAT THEY SAY

JOZEF BUBENKO

"The road to success is a sound defence, avoiding mistakes, not letting your opponent get into the box and taking the chances you create."

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Hyll **2** Cisovsky **3** Kunzo **4** Suchancok **5** Kratochvil **6** Czinege **7** Dzurik **8** Lalik **9** Gerich **10** Lembakoali **11** Micovic

Domestic ties, says Bubenko, are "a chance to be creative and take more chances", but Inter will play a waiting game in European competition, willing to grind out a result rather than show the team's flair. Sticking to a 4-4-2 formation, Bubenko is looking for a solid back four, and quality supply in midfield for Lembakoali and Micovic up front.

But troubles off the field may distract the black and yellows. The government and club executives are at loggerheads over plans to build a new stadium without an athletics track. And Nemeth's departure still rankles. Inter claim he broke his contract and have demanded compensation from Middlesbrough.

Nevertheless, the summer buys have left Inter as favourites to squeeze out Slovan for the title again. Whether they can make any impression in Europe remains to be seen.

Mixing it...Inter's Juraj Czinege (right) halts a Slavia Mozyr opponent

JUVENTUS

Lippi feels the hunger

Juve are eager to restore Euro glory, says Paddy Agnew

THERE is no doubt that the 'Old Lady' is hungry. After two seasons of close-run failures in Serie A and humiliation in Europe, Juventus badly want to get back on the winning road again.

It could be that one or two lesser clubs will pay heavily in the first phase for the pain inflicted on Juventus by such as Celta Vigo in the UEFA Cup two years ago and by Panathinaikos and Hamburg in the Champions League last season.

Even without French wizard Zinedine Zidane, Juventus still look to have a very strong squad, reinforced by new arrivals such as goalkeeper Gigi Buffon (Parma), French defender Lilian Thuram (Parma), Czech Republic midfielder Pavel Nedved (Lazio) and, significantly, returned coaching hero Marcello Lippi. The latter, remember, won three Serie A titles and a Champions League trophy with Juventus during the mid-1990s.

Like the other Italian sides, Juventus will appreciate the earlier start of Serie A (August 26) and are unlikely to be caught half-fit and less than fully prepared, as last season, when the League programme did not begin until October.

WHAT THEY SAY

MARCELLO LIPPI

"The Champions League is an exhilarating competition and I've missed it badly. We'll do our best to honour it but we will be setting out to win everything, Champions League included."

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Buffon **2** Tudor **3** Thuram **4** Montero **5** Pessotto **6** Zambrotta **7** Tacchinardi **8** Maresca **9** Nedved **10** Del Piero **11** Trezeguet

With Zidane departed to Real Madrid and with Nedved in (as soon as he has sat out a four-match ban), it is easy to imagine Juventus will resort to a full-blooded 4-4-2 in which Alessio Tacchinardi and Enzo Maresca provide the midfield fulcrum with Nedved on the left and Gianluca Zambrotta on the right. Alessandro Del Piero's form will again be crucial to the Juventus attack, where his first-choice partner is likely to be Frenchman David Trezeguet. But Lippi will miss combative Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids, likely to be serving his dope-related ban for much of the autumn.

Colossus in defence...French World Cup-winner Lilian Thuram

KYIV DYNAMO

Distractions at home

The Ukrainians may be affected by domestic challenges, says Oleg Zadernovsky

DYNAMO may have won their domestic championship for the past nine years, but this season their attitude towards the Ukrainian League has had to change.

Put simply, they can no longer regard domestic championship games as being merely useful preparation for the more lucrative Champions League campaign.

A key reason is that Dynamo now face considerable competition for supremacy from Shakhtar Donetsk, who pushed the champions all the way in the most recent League campaign. Dnipro are also offering a strong challenge at home and could conceivably derail one of the top two from the Champions League gravy train at the end of the current domestic campaign.

At the same time, Dynamo have still not completed the rebuilding process in the wake of the departure of the likes of Oleh Luzhnyi, Serhii Rebrov and Andrii Shevchenko, and more recently Georgi Demetradze and Kakha Kaladze.

The new players – mainly from Eastern Europe – are inevitably taking longer to settle in, and, though talented, lack Champions League experience.

Dynamo made most of their new signings during the last winter break, acquiring Red Star Belgrade defender Goran Gavranchich and promising young midfielders Florin Chernat, from Dinamo Bucharest, and Lokomotiv Sofia's Georgi Peev. A little later they added Nigerian forward Lucky Idakhor from Maccabi Haifa and Ukrainian international striker Olexander Melaschenko.

Attack-minded...Andrii Nesmachnyi

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Filimonov (Shovkovskyi) **2** Nesmachnyi **3** Vaschuk **4** Holovko **5** Gavranchich **6** Khatskevich **7** Dmytrulin **8** Bialkevich **9** Chernat **10** Peev **11** Melaschenko

While coach Valerii Lobanovskyi usually only deploys one forward – Melaschenko – he is well supported by the mobile, cosmopolitan midfield trio of Romanian Chernat, Belorussian Valentin Bialkevich and Bulgarian Peev, plus full-backs Andrii Nesmachnyi and Yugoslav Gavranchich. The central defensive pairing is still the reliable and experienced Ukrainian internationals Olexander Holovko and Vladyslav Vaschuk, while Olexander Khatskevich and Yurii Dmytrulin take the holding roles in midfield.

WHAT THEY SAY

VALERII LOBANOVSKYI

"We believe in the great potential of our new foreign legion, but much depends on how long it takes them to adapt to Kyiv Dynamo's style of play. I'm sure that in Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Romania coaches are working in a different way to ourselves. A player from one of those countries might need just a month to adapt to our ways, while a year may not be enough for someone else."

As a result, the club made few purchases this summer, signing only experienced goalkeeper Vitaliy Reva from CSKA Kyiv and Romanian international Tiberiu Gioane (Rapid Bucharest). However, injury to first-choice keeper Olexander Shovkovskyi forced coach Valerii Lobanovskyi to invest in Moscow Spartak and Russia's Alexander Filimonov to fill the gap.

On a more positive note, Dynamo can expect the imminent return to action of two first-choice players – midfielder Andrii Husin and Uzbek forward Maxim Shatskikh – who both missed the second half of last season through injury.

LAZIO

Don't write them off

Paddy Agnew believes the Romans can overcome the loss of Nedved and Veron

THE departures of Czech Republic midfielder Pavel Nedved to Juventus and Argentinian playmaker Juan Sebastian Veron (Manchester United) have hardly helped Lazio during a summer marked by strained relations between fans and club owner Sergio Cragnotti.

Furthermore, some poor friendly performances, including a 3-0 defeat by Internazionale in a triangular tournament in early August, and the failure to sign Rivaldo from Barcelona hardly improved matters.

On the other hand, the Romans have recruited important and useful players in Italy midfielder Stefano Fiore (from Udinese), Valencia's inspirational skipper Gaizka Mendieta and Brazilian Cesar (Sao Caetano).

With captain Alessandro Nesta still about the best defender in Serie A and with Argentinian striker Hernan Crespo just about the best up front, it would be foolhardy to dismiss a side that can now add two seasons of Champions League experience to their obvious squad strengths.

What is more, Lazio still have the canny Dino Zoff in charge, and with the added stimulus of having had to sit and suffer as cross-town rivals Roma waved their domestic championship success in their faces, the club should be capable of a run through to the quarter-finals at least. This would be a vast improvement on last season's bottom-of-the-table finish in the second group phase.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Peruzzi **2** Negro **3** Nesta **4** Favalli **5** Poborsky **6** Mendieta **7** Fiore **8** Giannichedda **9** Cesar **10** Crespo **11** Claudio Lopez

Lazio are likely to repeat the 3-5-2 formation often used by Zoff last season. Paolo Negro, Nesta and Giuseppe Favalli form the defence, with Czech Karel Poborsky wide on the right and Cesar on the left. The central midfield positions appear earmarked for Mendieta, Fiore and Giuliano Giannichedda, while there is an all-Argentinian first-choice strikeforce in Claudio Lopez and Crespo.

WHAT THEY SAY

STEFANO FIORE

"I can't make any promises, but I tell you this: Lazio start off in the Champions League with as good a chance as any of the other top teams in the competition. All you have to do is read through our teamsheet to understand we're going to be hard to beat, at home and abroad."

Right-hand man...Karel Poborsky (left)

LEVSKI SOFIA

Petrovic's all-stars

The Bulgarian champions will be no pushovers, says John Holmesdale

LEVSKI have been the dominant side in Bulgarian football in recent years, winning the League for the past two seasons, and now becoming the first Bulgarians to reach the third qualifying round of the Champions League.

In Yugoslav coach Lupko Petrovic, Levski have an experienced man at the helm. He was in charge of the Red Star Belgrade side that beat Marseille on penalties to win the 1991 European Cup Final. He recently agreed a new contract to keep him in Sofia until 2003 after he was linked with vacant national team jobs in Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Georgia.

Nobody expects Petrovic's Levski side to repeat the feats of Red Star in 1991, but they demonstrated in their victory over Brann of Norway in the second qualifying round that they are a tough nut to crack.

In striker Georgi Ivanov, Levski have a forward who can trouble most defences with his pace and power. His goals have been crucial to Levski's successes in recent years and he has been continually linked with a move to West Europe. So far, however, the club have resisted his sale.

This summer, Levski signed Georgi Chilikov from Neftohimik for a Bulgarian record £700,000. He is seen as a direct replacement for Ivanov when the inevitable happens. Other summer arrivals were national team goalkeeper Georgi Petkov from Slavia Sofia, defender Ivo Trenchev and midfielder Stanislav Angelov, both from CSKA, and Brazilian forward Gaucho.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 G Petkov **2** Trenchev **3** Dragic **4** Markov **5** Stoilov **6** Angelov **7** Topuzakov **8** Stoyalov **9** Pantelic **10** G Ivanov **11** Bachev

Levski play 3-5-2, with captain Stanimir Stoilov playing a crucial role in a defensive midfield/sweeping position. Ivanov is the key goalscorer, with another international, the left-sided Georgi Bachev, likely to partner him.

Over we go...Levski's Yordan Tertziev takes a tumble against Bosnians Zeljeznicar

LILLE

Searching for more scalps

Nick Bidwell on why there could be more surprises from Halilhodzic and co

LILLE'S Bosnian coach Vahid Halilhodzic insists their overriding goal this season is to ensure their survival in the French First Division, and that only fantasists hold high expectations of his side in Europe.

However, any team crossing their path ought not to give excessive credence to the psychological warfare of the crafty Halilhodzic. The *Lillois* will certainly not be along just for the ride.

Twelve months ago, nobody would have imagined the newly-promoted Lille challenging for the French title right to the death, but they managed it all the same. And after finishing a highly impressive third behind Nantes and Lyon, Halilhodzic's charges will be going all out to mark the club's first European campaign with a few unsuspecting scalps.

Some critics claim Lille should have shown more ambition in this summer's transfer market, pointing to the bargain basement shopping expeditions that brought in Moroccan striker Salaheddine Bassir (Deportivo La Coruna), Togo attacker Adekanmi Oloufade (Lokeren), Brazilian centre-back Rafael Schmitz (Malutrom) and full-back Gregory Tafforeau (Caen).

But Lille's great strength is the solidarity of their hard-running, combative line-up, and general manager Pierre Dreossi was wise not to bulldoze all aside. The continuity card had to be the sensible option.

Apart from top scorer Laurent Peyrelade – who moved to Sedan – all of last season's heroes remain, including star central defender Pascal Cygan, who had seemed set to leave for England, only for his suitors at West Ham and Liverpool to mysteriously go cool on the deal.

Cygan is the solid core of a Lille back line that was the meanest in the French top flight last term. Provided he can settle down again after his on-off transfer saga, he should again be fundamental to his side's well-being.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Wimbee **2** Pichot **3** Fahmi **4** Cygan **5** Ecker **6** Landrin **7** N'Diaye **8** D'Amico **9** Bruno Cheyrou **10** Boutoille **11** Bakari

Halilhodzic's Lille stand for outstanding organisation, solidity and self-sacrifice, with a compact 4-4-1-1 system often being the order of the day. At the heart of their highly-disciplined back four are robust stopper Cygan and classy libero Abdelilah Fahmi, while at full-back the right-sided Stephane Pichot offers more constructive qualities than ex-centre-back Johnny Ecker on the left. In midfield, central holders Fernando D'Amico and Sylvain N'Diaye are the key men. The former is a tireless ball-winner; the latter uses his good footballing brain to fill the gaps. Bruno Cheyrou is the best of the four at getting forward and has a powerful left-foot shot. The tall Dagui Bakari usually plays alone at the point of the attack, supported by Djezon Boutoille, whose strength is his wing-play, or new signing Bassir, who is more of a typical goal-getter. Expect lots of swift counter-attacks, long balls up to Bakari and productive set-pieces.

WHAT THEY SAY

VAHID HALILHODZIC

"As last season, our objective is to stay in the French First Division. It is an established fact that teams promoted to Division One have more difficulties in the second year and we'll have to be on our guard to prevent any slip-ups. We won't be looked on as favourites in Europe, so the pressure will be a lot less."

Four-legged race...Fahmi and N'Diaye

LIVERPOOL

Back in the big time

The UEFA Cup-holders are ready to go for the big prize, says Gavin Hamilton

SIXTEEN years after the tragic events of the 1985 European Cup Final at the Heysel stadium, Brussels, Liverpool are back in Europe's premier club competition.

Not that Gerard Houllier's men will feel out of place. Their victory in last season's UEFA Cup – the final part of a remarkable treble, which also included League Cup and FA Cup – confirmed the progress made under the Frenchman in the past two seasons.

In 2000-01 Liverpool played 63 League and Cup matches and finished third in the Premiership to qualify for the Champions League. In doing so, Houllier demonstrated an ability to successfully rotate his squad that will stand Liverpool in good stead for this campaign.

The manager made few additions to the squad over the summer, a reflection of Liverpool's already impressive strength in depth, rather than any lack of financial muscle. Christian Ziege, frustrated at a lack of first-team games, was sold to Spurs, but in his place comes the highly-rated young Norwegian John Arne Riise from Monaco. Houllier can also expect club captain Jamie Redknapp to return from a year-long injury lay-off, although doubts remain about the player's long-term fitness.

In attack, Houllier will choose two from Michael Owen, Robbie Fowler, Emile Heskey and Jari Litmanen. Heskey is occasionally used as an attacking wide midfielder, but it means that two of the four will invariably be disappointed.

Defence proved the key to success in the UEFA Cup. Away to Barcelona, Roma and FC Porto, Liverpool played a cautious, often negative game which drew much criticism, but Houllier is unlikely to change tack now.

The one weak link is goalkeeper Sander Westerveld, an excellent shot-stopper but wobbly on crosses.

Class act...Jari Litmanen

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Westerveld **2** Babbel **3** Henchoz **4** Hyypia **5** Carragher **6** Gerrard **7** McAllister **8** Hamann **9** Berger **10** Fowler **11** Owen

Houllier is unlikely to deviate from the 4-4-2 formation that proved so effective last season. Stephane Henchoz and the awesome Sami Hyypia are a strong central defensive partnership, while both full-backs, Markus Babbel and Jamie Carragher, can step into the centre if needed. In central midfield, Dietmar Hamann and Gary McAllister provide the defensive shield, while Steven Gerrard can move inside or back to right-back to accommodate the more attack-minded Vladimir Smicer or Nick Barmby. Igor Biscan, Danny Murphy and Riise are versatile enough to fill a number of positions. Heskey and Litmanen offer alternative options in attack.

WHAT THEY SAY

GERARD HOULLIER

"We have the spirit and now the bite. The team is getting mentally and physically mature. We would sign big if I thought we had to do it, but I enjoy watching the development of players. Just like Sir Alex [Ferguson], I was keen to keep a British heart to my team and I think I have done that. But we are not there yet. It takes time to prepare for success."

LOKOMOTIV MOSCOW

Moscow rising

Russia's second side are on the up, writes Victor Gusev

UNDER coach Yuri Semin, Lokomotiv Moscow have built a strong squad which is capable of competing on two fronts, in Russia and in Europe.

Lokomotiv finished second in the Russian League last year, behind Moscow Spartak, and in this year's campaign they are again well placed to challenge for top spot.

They have yet to break Spartak's domination in the League, but have won the Russian Cup four times in the past six years.

Formerly the team of the Soviet railways, Lokomotiv have maintained close links with the industry, with Moscow Railways now their sponsor.

Such is the strength in depth at Lokomotiv that it is now not unusual for there to be five internationals (three Russians, one Georgian and one Armenian) on the bench.

The general quality of foreign imports in the Russian League has been questionable, to say the least. But in Nigerian striker James Obiorah and South African winger Jakob Lekheto, Lokomotiv have the best players in their respective positions in the League.

Other key players include Ruslan Nigmatullin, Russia's No 1 goalkeeper, who has promised to delay a lucrative move to the West until the winter; libero Igor Chugainov, who also pops up to score some vital goals; and, in midfield, 19-year-old Marat Izmailov, by far the Russian League's best young player this season. His ball control and intelligent passing have made him a near certainty for Russia's World Cup squad.

Semin further strengthened the side with the recent signing of Yugoslav international Milan Obradovic, who will play on the right flank.

Lokomotiv's new stadium is still under construction so they will play their home games this season at the 16,000-capacity Saturn stadium outside Moscow.

Boss at the back...Igor Chugainov

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Nigmatullin **2** Ignashevich **3** Chugainov **4** Sennikov **5** Obradovic **6** Pimenov **7** Izmailov **8** Loskov **9** Lekheto **10** Buznikin **11** Obiorah

Semin has at least five good strikers at his disposal, so he usually makes his two starting forwards play to their limit in the first half and then brings on fresh legs. Dmitri Loskov's free-kicks are a real threat, while Lokomotiv's defence, marshalled by Chugainov, with Sergei Ignashevich and Dmitri Sennikov as the two markers, is the meanest in Russia. Lekheto (left) and Obradovic are always an attacking threat on the wings.

WHAT THEY SAY

YURI SEMIN

"To do well in Europe, we need help from Oleg Romantsev [who combines the roles of Spartak coach and national team coach]. If only he could do without Lokomotiv players in the national team, we would be grateful."

LYON

Shooting themselves in the foot

The *Lyonnais* have had pre-season problems, writes Nick Bidwell

OLYMPIQUE LYONNAIS was anything but an oasis of calm during the pre-season period. Brazilian striker Sonny Anderson was rumoured to be keen on a move to Italy, president Jean-Michel Aulas was a frustrated man after failing to lure excellent Nantes midfielder Eric Carriere, while on the training ground the atmosphere was decidedly poisonous.

French international midfielder Vikash Dhorasoo and forward Tony Vairelles – who was on loan to Bordeaux last season – had never enjoyed an entente cordiale with coach Jacques Santini and when both swore this summer never to play for Lyon again, they were forced to train apart from the first team.

To make matters worse, few serious offers were received for the pair and the irritated Santini hit out at the board for not offloading them quickly enough.

However, at least there was some good news as the new campaign approached. Anderson announced he would see out the remaining two years of his contract, and striker Frederic Nee, who hit 16 goals last season for Bastia and won his first cap for France against Australia at the Confederations Cup, arrived in a £5million deal.

He will come in very useful indeed, especially with boy wonder Sidney Govou recuperating after a recent knee ligament operation.

OL's only other new signing of note was Brazilian attacking midfielder Juninho Pernambucano from Vasco da Gama. But Lyon may well have acted sensibly in limiting themselves to fine tuning. They came within a whisker of reaching the Champions League quarter-finals last season, and any team that can beat Bayern Munich 3-0, as OL did in March, must be a force to be reckoned with.

Midfield back-up...David Linares

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Coupet 2 Deflandre 3 Edmilson 4 Cacapa 5 Brechet 6 Foe/Bak 7 Violeau 8 Laigle/Delmotte 9 Juninho 10 Marlet 11 Anderson

If coach Santini has shown more inclination to experiment recently – occasionally employing a three-man defence or an attacking trio – his basic instinct is to go with 4-4-2. In a flat back four, Brazilians Edmilson and Cacapa (or Patrick Muller) patrol the centre, while Eric Deflandre (or Jean-Marc Chanelet) and Jeremie Brechet are on the flanks. Santini likes three defensive midfielders and will select his enforcers from Marc-Vivien Foe, Jacek Bak, Philippe Violeau, Pierre Laigle and Christophe Delmotte. The Brazilian Juninho is likely to be the sole midfield creator, with David Linares as back-up. Anderson and Steve Marlet are the first-choice attack, but Govou and Nee will have plenty of opportunities. A three-man attack could feature Anderson, Nee or Govou, and Marlet, the latter playing slightly deeper on the right.

WHAT THEY SAY

JACQUES SANTINI

"We were more than a little unfortunate not to make the knockout stage of the Champions League last season and thus I'm not setting the bar too high when I say that we aim to go one better this time. The talent here is unquestionable. Concentration will be the key for us in Europe. We will have to be strong mentally."

MALLORCA

Islanders make a splash

Gavin Hamilton on the surprise packet of last season's Primera Liga

DESPITE the defection of veteran coach Luis Aragones to Atletico Madrid, the expected player exodus did not take place this summer.

Nigerian winger Finidi George, a bit player until the final weeks of last season, joined Ipswich, while Argentinian goalkeeper German Burgos followed Aragones to Madrid.

The relative lack of departures was a cause for celebration on the Spanish holiday island, where player sales have become the norm in recent seasons. The likes of Dani, Lauren, Diego Tristan, Valeron and others have been sold to wealthier clubs for a combined £48million.

So it is little short of a miracle that Mallorca find themselves in the Champions League in the first place.

Much of the credit can be taken by Aragones, who led the side to an unexpected third-place finish last term, eight points ahead of fourth-placed Barcelona, and Valencia, whose ex-coach, Hector Cuper, laid the foundations for the current success in two trail-blazing seasons – 1997-98 and 1998-99.

When Aragones left for Atletico, his fourth spell there, many expected the heroes of last season's campaign to follow. But Cameroon forward Samuel Eto'o, on loan from Real Madrid, defender Fernando Nino and winger Alvaro Nova remain, while striker Albert Luque has signed a new contract to ward off the big clubs, who had been hoping to sign him on a free transfer in 2002.

The downside for the new coach, German Bernd Krauss, is that the only new arrival at press time was Turkish defender Fatih Akyel. Such a slender squad, however talented, is unlikely to make progress on both domestic and European fronts.

The appointment of Krauss, previously with Real Sociedad, is hardly the inspirational change many were hoping for, either. But if he can get the most from the speedy striking partnership of Eto'o and Luque, while also getting the best from veterans Miguel Angel Nadal and Vicente Engonga, then Mallorca may continue to upset the form book.

Midfield policeman...Engonga

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Leo Franco 2 Olaizola 3 Nadal 4 Nino 5 Fatih 6 Engonga 7 Marcos 8 Ibagaza 9 Novo 10 Eto'o 11 Luque

Under Aragones, Mallorca were known as a counter-attacking side, and that is likely to continue under Krauss. In goal, Leo Franco is first choice, ahead of another promising youngster, Miki, and the god-fearing Carlos Roa. Nadal, recalled last season by Spain, forms the central defensive partnership with the younger Nino, with Javier Olaizola at right-back and Fatih or the veteran Miquel Soler at left-back. In midfield Engonga polices in front of the back four, allowing playmaker Ariel Ibagaza the freedom to roam, alongside winger Alvaro Novo and the more defence-minded Marcos. In attack, Luque and Eto'o are a handful, with the diminutive Carlos and the Argentinian Leonardo Biagini as back-up.

WHAT THEY SAY

ALBERT LUQUE

"This club has come on in leaps and bounds. I always wanted to stay at Mallorca if they offered me the right deal. There are great plans for the club and I cannot wait to play in the Champions' League with them."

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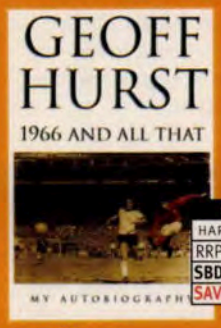

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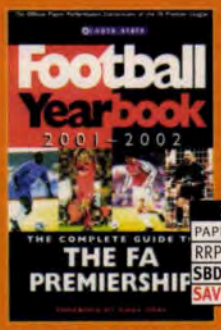

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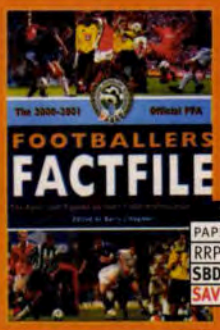

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MANCHESTER UNITED

Fergie's final fling

The manager's retirement will be the season's major theme, says Gavin Hamilton

THE longer the season goes on and the longer Manchester United remain in the Champions League, the greater the talk will be of Alex Ferguson's "date with destiny".

Everything, apparently, is in place for Ferguson, in his final season as manager at Old Trafford, to lift the European Cup in his home city of Glasgow.

While it all sounds a little fanciful, the fact is that United start the 2001-02 season with their strongest ever squad.

The addition of Juan Sebastian Veron and Ruud Van Nistelrooy, at a cost of £47million (virtually the same as Zinedine Zidane cost Real Madrid) make them genuine contenders and, dare we say it, favourites to win this season's Champions League.

Last season, United cruised through the Premiership fixture list, and were rarely troubled as they won a remarkable seventh title in nine years under Ferguson.

But the downside came in Europe, where they failed to raise their game for the big matches. The arrival of Veron should change that. The Argentinian gives Ferguson an array of new tactical options and inevitably means the break-up of the Beckham-Keane-Scholes-Giggs midfield quartet.

Ferguson used a pre-season tour of South-east Asia to experiment with a three-man midfield, with Veron and Scholes pushed further forward.

"At times we will look like a different United," Ferguson said. "I know we will be very powerful in midfield and that's important because in my experience most games are won by the team who have control there. With Veron and Roy Keane in the middle we will be awesome."

In defence, Wes Brown has matured into a fine international prospect. In attack, Van Nistelrooy and Andy Cole look certain to score goals.

As ever, events off the pitch will prove just as interesting. The speculation over Ferguson's successor is likely to intensify.

The most intriguing development of recent weeks has been the purchase of £30m worth of United shares by J P McManus, the Irish racehorse owner and close friend of Ferguson.

With the manager set to take up a lucrative five-year consultancy role with United next summer, it could be that the Ferguson connection exerts more control at the club after his 'retirement'.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Barthez 2 G Neville 3 Stam 4 Brown 5 Silvestre 6 Beckham 7 Keane 8 Veron 9 Giggs 10 Scholes 11 Van Nistelrooy

United will continue to play a high-tempo, high-pressure 4-4-2, but Ferguson is likely to rotate the squad more this season, dropping big names more often for domestic games. The back four is settled, and Beckham and Giggs provide pace and penetration on the wings. The big question is who gives way for record signing Veron. It is likely to be Scholes, but he could play as a second striker behind Van Nistelrooy. Ferguson could also opt to play Scholes and Giggs behind Van Nistelrooy and in front of a three-man midfield.

WHAT THEY SAY

ALEX FERGUSON

"I know that every time we play a match I will be asked about how it feels to be one game closer to retirement from management. I just know it will happen every week and it is one aspect of this season I am not looking forward to."

Goal hungry...Van Nistelrooy

MOSCOW SPARTAK

Beschastnykh brings hope

Victor Gusev on the new additions to the Russian champions' squad

MOSCOW SPARTAK, champions of Russia eight times in the past nine seasons, started the 10th Russian League campaign poorly, but are now back on track as the country's leading club. They go into the Champions League with renewed hope.

Coach Oleg Romantsev, who is also manager of the Russian national side, brought in two players at the start of the League season earlier this year.

Ukrainian international goalkeeper Maxim Levytskyi joined from Saint-Etienne, who were happy to release him after he was embroiled in the Europe-wide scandal over false passports (Levytskyi, despite being born and brought up in Ukraine, was discovered to be in possession of forged Greek documents).

Macedonia defender Igor Mitrevski, signed from Sileks Kratovo, turned in such impressive performances in the final three games of the Champions League second group phase that two of his opponents, Arsenal and Bayern Munich, expressed interest in signing him.

This summer, Russian international striker Vladimir Beschastnykh returned to the fold after spending most of his time on the bench at Racing Santander, who were relegated from the Spanish top flight in June.

Beschastnykh was sidelined by Racing despite his impressive goalscoring form for Russia. He scored in his first game back for Spartak, too, and immediately ousted Romantsev's favoured pairing of Alexander Shirko and Brazilian Marcao from the starting line-up.

Spartak's game is built around the midfielder Yegor Titov, the current Russian Footballer of the Year and the team's top scorer so far this season.

Titov, 25, replaced his best friend Andrei Tikhonov as Spartak team captain when the charismatic Tikhonov was sold to Samara Kryliya Sovetov following a disagreement with Romantsev last year. Many consider the loss of Tikhonov to be the main reason for Spartak's poor start this season.

Spartak will play their Champions League games at Torpedo's Luzniki Olympic stadium.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Levytskyi 2 Mitrevski 3 Tchuisse 4 Parfyonov 5 Kovtun 6 Baranov 7 Bulatov 8 Titov 9 Tsykhmeistruk 10 Robson 11 Beschastnykh

Spartak play with three central defenders and a libero, Mitrevski, who operates the offside trap whenever possible. Titov is the brains in midfield, where the short passing long favoured by Romantsev has recently been augmented by long crosses from wide and deep.

WHAT THEY SAY

OLEG ROMANTSEV

"We don't have the money to buy Rivaldo or Figo. Besides, we don't have the living standards that they are used to. So in the Champions League, we have to rely only upon the players we have, as well as on our team spirit and the right tactics."

Brazilian blend...Spartak's Robson (right) gets in a shot against Arsenal

WORLDSERVICE

INTERNATIONALS

Saturday, July 21

July 21 - Annaba - WC qual
Algeria 1 (Bezzaz 68)
Egypt 1 (Hossam pen 60)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 38,000. **Ref:** Codjia (Ben)
Algeria: Mezair - Haddou, Deghmani, Zeghdoud, Raho, Maouche (Belkayd 74), Ghazi, Tasfaout, Djabelkheyr (Bezzaz 65), Ouahid (Djahnine 71), Saifi.
Egypt: N El Sayed - Emara, Ramzy, El Saka, R El Sayed, Basyouny (Salah 57), T Said (Sabry 66), Barkat (I Said 66), Abdel Aziz, A Hassan, Hossam.

July 21 - Blantyre - Cosafa CC quarter-final
Malawi 1 (Mabedi pen 84)
South Africa 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Madarbocus (Mli)

July 21 - Windhoek - WC qual
Namibia 0
Senegal 5 (Thiaw 15, 31, Diouf 23, Fadiga pen 77, Moussa N'Diaye 80)
HT: 0-3. **Ref:** Ravelontsalama (Mad)

Sunday, July 22

July 22 - Bihac - friendly
Bosnia-Herzegovina 2
Iran 2

Tuesday, July 24

July 24 - Evreux, France - friendly
Qatar 1 (Walid 52)
Macedonia 0
HT: 0-0

Friday, July 27

July 27 - Basseterre, St Kitts - Triangular tnmt
Jamaica 0
Martinique 0

July 27 - Tripoli - WC qual
Libya 2 (Kablan 17, 28)
Zambia 4 (Nsofwa 32, Kilambe 48, 72, Fichite 61)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 120. **Ref:** Boukthir (Tun)
Libya: Elfitouri - Al-Bshari (Hammadi 81), Shushan, Ali Hamed, Moldi Hassn, El-Triki (Banon 71), Akram, Eledrisi, Kablan, Guma Kara (Khozam 88), Salil.
Zambia: Phiri - Chilembe, Tana, Mwewa, C Lota, Chalwe (Fichite 46), Bakala (K Mwanza 46), Lungu, Sinyangwe, Kilambe, Nsofwe.

Saturday, July 28

July 28 - Blantyre - WC qual
Malawi 0
Zimbabwe 1 (Masiku 78)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Gasingwa (Rwa)
Malawi: Dzinkambani - Manda, Chimela, Mpinganjira (Nyalungwe 69), J Banda (Mwangobe 69), Mponda, Msuku, Mwase, Kafwafwa, Yobe, Munthali (Zakazaka 87).
Zimbabwe: Kapini - J Matola, Nyandoro, T Ncube, Gilbert, M Dube, Masiku, E Dube (Komani 77), Makunike, Mpofu, Sibanda (Chandida 69).

July 28 - Basseterre, St Kitts - Triangular tnmt
St Kitts & Nevis 4
Martinique 2

Sunday, July 29

July 29 - Luanda - WC qual
Angola 1 (Akwa 26)
Togo 1 (Alfa 29)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Tangawarima (Zim)
Angola: Lundala - Juliao, Kuntima (Paulo Silva 74), Joaquim, Da Cruz (Francisco 49), Akwa, Da Silva Amado (Arsenio 68), Campos, Lopez, Joao, Viegas.
Togo: Tchagnirou - Agoro, A G Maman, Kassim, Alfa, M Salifou, J Dote, Yedibahoma, Aboubakar (Hunlede 65), Enifoul, Agbobli Atayi.

July 29 - Abidjan - WC qual
Ivory Coast 1 (K Keita 72)
DR Congo 2 (Tokala 34, Mulekelayi 79)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Mana (Nig)
Ivory Coast: Konate - Toure, Youan, Djire, Kone, F Keita (Traore 61), Kante, K Keita, Siby, Tiene, Ettien (Koutouan 46).
DR Congo: Lupini - Bafwafwa, Nawej (Bongombe 46), Mukando (N'Simba 46), Bukasa, Mulekelayi, Tokala, Nkuwu (Wagede 50), Bageta, Kayembe, Mungunu. *Sent off: Tokala 80min.*

July 29 - Antananarivo - WC qual
Madagascar 1
Congo 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Maillet (Sey)

July 29 - Port Harcourt - WC qual
Nigeria 3 (Agali 1, Babangida 18, 32)
Ghana 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 17,000. **Ref:** Guirat (Tun)
Nigeria: Shorunmu - Yobo, Udeze, N Kanu (Ojigwe 83), West, George, Agali (Ayegbeni 68), Okocha, Babangida (Ikedia 46), Oliseh, Christopher.
Ghana: Nanor (Boateng 39) - I Owusu (Fattal 80), E Kuffour, Amoako, Y Owusu, Gargo, Ablordey, Asampong (Musah 68), Boakye, R Owusu-Ansah, H Mohamed. *Sent off: Boateng 42min.*

July 29 - Panama City - Gold Cup qual play-off, 1st leg
Panama 0
Cuba 0

July 29 - Omdurman - WC qual
Sudan 3 (Aungali 17, Bhakit 40, El Mustafa 69)
Sierra Leone 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Awuye (Uga)
Sudan: Rabih - Samson, Aungali, El Bashir, Kolia, H El Rasheed, El Shikh, Sultan, El Mustafa, Nasr, Bhakit (Mufarah 67).
Sierra Leone: M Sesay (Yomba 76) - T Turay, H Sesay, Mara, A Kamara, S Turay (M Conteh 74), P K Koroma (Fuday 58), Coker, E Koroma, A Sesay, Woobay.

Monday, July 30

July 30 - Basseterre, St Kitts - Triangular tnmt
St Kitts & Nevis 0
Jamaica 0

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Jamaica	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Martinique	2	0	1	1	2	4	0

Wednesday, August 1

Aug 1 - Doha - friendly
Qatar 2 (Nadhmi 69, Hassan 90)
Iran 1 (Reza 88)
HT: 0-0

Aug 1 - Riyadh - friendly
Saudi Arabia 1 (O Al-Dosari 64)
Macedonia 1 (Mazanof 24)
HT: 0-1

Thursday, August 2

Aug 2 - friendly
United Arab Emirates 2 (A R Jumaa 6, Salem 78)
Iraq 2 (H Muhammed 44, I Muhammed 57)
HT: 1-1

Friday, August 3

Aug 3 - Shanghai - Four-nation tnmt
China 2 (Shen Sijin 25, Zhang Enhua 51)
North Korea 2 (Lee Gyang-chun 48, Chu Myong-je 59)
North Korea 4-2 on pens

Aug 3 - Shanghai - Four-nation tnmt
Kuwait 1 (Al-Failakawi 57)
Trinidad & Tobago 1 (Eve 85)
HT: 0-0
Kuwait 4-3 on pens

Saturday, August 4

Aug 4 - New Jersey, USA - friendly
Colombia 2 (Diaz 5, Becerra 28)
Liberia 1 (Debbah 36)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 41,794

Sunday, August 5

Aug 5 - Shanghai - Four-nation tnmt 3rd-place
China 3 (Hao Haidong 61, Su Maozhen 81, Zhang Yuning 87)
Trinidad & Tobago 0
HT: 0-0

Aug 5 - Shanghai - Four-nation tnmt Final
North Korea 1 (Tian Ju 61)
Kuwait 1 (Alisan 90)
North Korea 5-4 on pens

Aug 5 - Havana - Gold Cup qual play-off, 2nd leg
Cuba 1 (Prado 79)
Panama 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000
Cuba 1-0 on agg

Aug 5 - Riyadh - friendly
Saudi Arabia 1 (O Al-Dosari 38)
Qatar 2 (Mustapha 24, 34)
HT: 1-2

Wednesday, August 8

Aug 8 - Tehran - Four-team tnmt
Bosnia-Herzegovina 4
South Africa B 2

Aug 8 - Tehran - Four-team tnmt
Iran 5
Oman 2

Aug 8 - friendly
United Arab Emirates 0
Saudi Arabia 1 (Suweidi 27)
HT: 0-1

Thursday, August 9

Aug 9 - Curitiba - friendly
Brazil 5 (Edilson pen 60, Alex 63, Euller 80, Juninho Paulista pen 88, Roberto Carlos 90)
Panama 0
HT: 0-0

Friday, August 10

Aug 10 - Tehran - Four-team tnmt Final
Iran 4 (Hasheminassab 5, Daei 71, 90, Karimi 80)
Bosnia-Herzegovina 0
HT: 1-0
Iran: Mirzapour - Belami, Minavand, Hasheminassab, Golomohamadi, Bagheri, Kavianpour, Karimi, Dinmohamadi, Daei, Razai.
Bosnia: Tolja - Biscevic, Husic, Ikanovic, Jahic, Smaglajic, Josefbegovic, Velajic, Muharemovic, Adzem, Seferovic.

Aug 10 - Tehran - Four-team tnmt 3rd-place
Oman 2 (Al-Dhabit 36, Saleh 88)
South Africa B 0
HT: 1-0

Aug 10 - Doha - friendly
Qatar 1 (Khalifa 19)
Bahrain 1 (Youssef pen 65)
HT: 1-0

Monday, August 13

Aug 13 - Singapore - friendly
Singapore 0
Thailand 5 (Kiatisuk 25, 70, Sakesan 43, 75, Sutee 90)
HT: 0-2

Tuesday, August 14

Aug 14 - Santiago - WC qual
Chile 2 (Salas pen 35, 77)
Bolivia 2 (Baldivieso pen 11, Coimbra 73)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Gimenez (Arg)
Chile: S Vargas - Pozo (Solis 33), P Reyes, J Vargas, Aros - Chavarria, Valencia (Ahumada 82), Villaseca, Nunes (Castillo) - Salas, Montecinos.
Bolivia: Soria - Raldes, J M Pena, O Sanchez, Carballo - Justiniano, Rojas, L Paz (Colque 84), Baldivieso - Galindo, Coimbra.

Aug 14 - Maracaibo - WC qual
Venezuela 2 (Moran 53, Rondon 90)
Uruguay 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Marruto Mendoza (Mex)
Venezuela: Dudamel - Valenilla, J M Rey, Alvarado, Rojas - M Mea Vitali, L Vera, Arango, Paez (G Perez 87) - Noriega (Rondon 66), Moran (Gimenez 76).
Uruguay: Carini - Mendez, Sorondo, Montero, Guigou - De los Santos, Giacomazzi (Reguero 54), Romero (C Morales 65), Olivera - Recoba, Silva (Zalayeta 69).

Wednesday, August 15

Aug 15 - Vienna - friendly
Austria 1 (Herzog 21)
Switzerland 2 (Vogel 10, H Yakin 74)
HT: 1-1
Austria: Wohlfahrt (Manninger 46) - Neukirchner (Kogler 46), Baur, Hiden, Hortnagl (Weissenberger 62), Flogel (Winklhofer 72), Kirchler, Kuhbauer (Ibertsberger 46), Vastic (Kitzbichler 46), Herzog, Brunmayr (Wallner 66).
Switzerland: Pascolo - Zellweger (Haas 46), Berner (Quentin 74), M Yakin, P Muller (Mazzarelli 66), Vogel (Sforza 46), Sesa (Wicky 62), Comisetti, H Yakin, Fournier, Frei.

Aug 15 - Sarajevo - friendly
Bosnia-Herzegovina 2 (Baljic 17, 45)
Malta 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Abraham (Hun)
Bosnia: Tolja - Beslija, Music, Akrapovic, Hibic, Hota (Biscevic), Salihamidzic (Saranovic), Topic (Muharemovic), Sabic, Baljic (Dodik), Ikanovic.

Malta: Muscat - Teuma, Carabott (Galea), Said, Camilleri (Zahra), Dimech, Aglius (Suda), Turner (Chetcuti), Mifsud, Brincat, Nwoko.

Aug 15 - Porto Alegre - WC qual
Brazil 2 (Marcelinho 4, Rivaldo 69)
Paraguay 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 48,000. **Ref:** Krug (Ger)
Brazil: Marcos - Roque Junior, Cris, Juan - Belletti, Tinga, Eduardo Costa, Rivaldo (Vampeta 85), Roberto Carlos - Marcelinho (Denilson 63), Edilson (Leonardo 66).
Paraguay: Chilavert - Arce, Sarabia, J D Caceres, Morel - Struway (Campos 73), Paredes, Acuna, Gavilan - Santa Cruz (V Ferreira 58), Cardozo.

Aug 15 - Sofia - friendly
Bulgaria 1 (Balakov pen 47)
Macedonia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Papadakos (Gre)
Bulgaria: Zdravkov (Ivankov 46) - Tomash, Markov, Chomakov (Yanchev 67), Pazin - M Petkov, Peev (Branimirov 77), Balakov (Manchev 55), Svetoslav Petrov - M Petrov, Todorov (Stoicho Stoilov 55).
Macedonia: Gruoski - Siljanovski (G Jovanovski 46), Petrov, Gjuzelov, Nikolovski, Z Jovanovski (Nikolaevski 70) - Ignatov (Stojanov 73), Trajanov (Maznov 46), Shakiri - S Krstev (Mustafi 46), Beqiri (Nacevski 46).

Aug 15 - Drnovice - friendly
Czech Republic 5 (Nedved 30, Baranek 66, 86, 90, Lokvenc 74)
South Korea 0
HT: 1-0
Czech Republic: Srnicek - Grygera, Johana (Velkoborsky 80), Novotny, Tyce, Rosicky (Baranek 66), Jarosik (Jankulovski 51), Nedved, Berger, Baros (Straceny 74), Koller (Lokvenc 60).
South Korea: Lee Woon-jae - Lee Ki-hyung (Kim Doh-keun 75), Kang Chul, Lee Min-sung, Song Chong-gug, Ahn Jung-wan (Lee Chun-soo 57), Choi Sung-yong, Lee Yong-pyo, Kim Nam-il, Seol Ki-hyeon, Hwang Sun-hong.

Aug 15 - Quito - WC qual
Ecuador 0
Argentina 2 (Veron 19, Crespo pen 31)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Braschi (Ita)
Ecuador: Ibarra - De la Cruz, I Hurtado, Espinoza, Guerron - Burbano (J Aguinaga 46), Chala, Guagua (Fernandez 51), Sanchez (A Aguinaga 46) - Delgado, Kaviedes. *Sent off: Chala 34min.*
Argentina: Burgos - Vivas, Ayala, Samuel - Zanetti, Simeone (Almeyda 67), Veron, Sorin - Aimar (Ortega 60), Crespo, Kily Gonzalez (Claudio Lopez 84).

Aug 15 - London - friendly
England 0
Holland 2 (Van Bommel 38, Van Nistelrooy 39)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 35,238. **Ref:** Frisk (Swe)
England: Martyn (James 46; Wright 48) - G Neville (Mills 46), Keown (Ehiogu 49), Brown (Southgate 46), Ashley Cole (Powell 46) - Carragher - Beckham (Carrick 46), Scholes (Lampard 46), Hargreaves (Barmby 46) - Andy Cole (Smith 70), Fowler (Owen 46).
Holland: Van der Sar (Waterreus 46) - Reiziger, Stam (Melchiot 46), Hofland, Van Bronckhorst - Van Bommel (Landzaat 73), Cocu (Oude Kamphuis 80) - Zenden (Davids 46), Kluivert (Van Hooijdonk 89), Overmars (Hasselbaink 46) - Van Nistelrooy (Makaay 46).

Aug 15 - Tallinn - WC qual
Estonia 2 (Zelinski 51, Novikov 86)
Cyprus 2 (M Constantinou pen 39, 69)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Chikun (Bls)
Estonia: Kaalma - Allas, Lemsalu (U Rooba 79), Piiroja, Saviauk, Reim, Viikmae (Svets 75), Novikov, Zelinski, Kristal, Oper.
Cyprus: Petrides - Konnafis, Georgiou, Melanarkitis, M Charalambous, C Nicolaou, Theodotou, Kalafas (Agathocleous 75), Okkas, Christodolou (Yiasemakis 90), M Constantinou.

Aug 15 - Helsinki - friendly
Finland 4 (Forssell 2, Kolkka 15, Litmanen pen 30, Tihinen 78)
Belgium 1 (Goor 38)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Strampe (Ger)
Finland: A Niemi (Enckelman 61) - Reini, Saarinen, Hyypia, Kuivasto, Riihilahti, Nurmela (Johansson 63), Tainio (Tihinen 46), Forssell (Kottila 81), Litmanen (J Niemi 76), Kolkka (Rantanen 72).
Belgium: De Vlieger - Crasson (Deflandre 67), Van Meir, Van Kerckhoven, Dheedene (De Boeck 46), Verheyen, Vanderhaeghe (Simons 43), Walem, Goor (Boffin 60), Wilmots (B Peeters 77), E Mpenza (Sonck 72).

Aug 15 - Nantes - friendly
France 1 (Pires 13)
Denmark 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 36,548. **Ref:** McCurry (Sco)
France: Barthez - Thuram, Desailly, Leboeuf, Lizarazu (Candela 81) - Vieira (Sagnol 73), Petit - Wiltord (Marlet 56), Zidane, Pires (Micoud 64) - Henry (Trezeguet 56).
Denmark: Sorensen - Helveg, Laursen (Lustu 74), Henriksen, Heintze - Gronkjaer (Steen Nielsen 81), Tofting - Rommedahl, Tomasson (Michaelsen 46), Gravesen (P Nielsen 46) - E Sand (Nygaard 18).

Aug 15 - Budapest - friendly
Hungary 2 (Tokoli 64, Horvath 90)
Germany 5 (Bohme pen 31, Kehl 44, Jancker 46, Baumann 59, Bierhoff 90)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Ansuategui Roca (Spa)
Hungary: Kiraly - Peto, G Korsos, Sebok, Halmai, Matyus, Lisztes (Lendvai 79), Horvath, Illes (Dardai 46), A Korsos (Hrutka 46), Tokoli.
Germany: Kahn - Rehmer (Metzelder 46), Baumann, Linke, Asamoah (Zickler 76), Hamann (Ricken 46), Kehl, Bohme (Bode 77), Deisler (Ziege 85), Jancker (Bierhoff 85), Neuville (Klose 66).

Aug 15 - Reykjavik - friendly
Iceland 1 (Sigthorsson 86)
Poland 1 (Hreidarsson og 17)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,345. **Ref:** Van der Ende (Hol)
Iceland: Arason (B Kristinsson 48) - A Helgason (Stigsson 85), Vidarsson, H Helguson (J B Gudmundsson 76), Gretarson - Marteinsson, Kolvidsson (J K Gudjonsson 46), Hreidarsson, E Sverrisson, T Gudmundsson (Baldvinsson 60) - Sigthorsson.
Poland: Dudek - Klos, J Bak, Waldoch (Hajto 46), Kozminski - A Bak (Kukielka 60), Pater (Kaczorowski 46), Kaluzny, Krzynowek (Kosowski 46) - Marcin Zewlakow (Dawidowski 76), Kryszalowicz.

Aug 15 - Shizuoka - AFC/OFC Challenge Cup
Japan 3 (Yanagisawa 19, Hattori 53, Nakayama pen 66)
Australia 0
HT: 1-0

Aug 15 - Riga - friendly
Latvia 0
Ukraine 1 (Melaschenko 17)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Hrinak (Cze)
Latvia: Kolinko - Igor Stepanovs jnr, Astafjevs (Igor Stepanovs snr 69), Zemlinskis, Laizans, Lukashevichis (Blagonadezdins 65), Isakovs (Zakresevskis 81), Bleidelis (Puchinskis 74), Pahars, Rubins (Kolesnichenko 71), Verpakovskis (Stolcers 60).
Ukraine: Levytskyi (Perkhun 46), Parfyonov (Granovskyi 60), Nesmachnyi (Zadorozhnyi 83), Holovko, Vaschuk, Popov (Fedorov 60), Spivak (Shyshchenko 46), Tymoshchuk, Zubov, Melaschenko, Vorobei (Serebrennikov 46).

Aug 15 - Kaunas - friendly
Lithuania 2 (Jankauskas 42, Poskus 55)
Israel 3 (Gershon 34, Banin 71, Nimni 86)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Lajuks (Lat)
Lithuania: Stauce - Skerla (Stankevicius 46), Dziaukstas, Joksas (Gleveckas 46), Skarbalius, Barasa (Dedura 88), R Zutautas, Mikalajunas, Semberas (Morinas 69), Jankauskas (Fomenka 84), Poskus (Razanauskas 79).
Israel: Awat - Benado, Talker, Shelach, Gershon, Keissi, Zeytuni (Abuksis 66), Nimni, Benayoun (Katan 66), Berkovic (Ben-Dayan 85), Tal (Banin 46).

Aug 15 - Luxembourg - friendly
Luxembourg 0
Georgia 3
HT: 0-1

Aug 15 - Oslo - friendly
Norway 1 (Solskjaer pen 75)
Turkey 1 (Hakan Sukur 78)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 11 456. **Ref:** Vuotela (Fin)
Norway: Myhre - Basma, H Berg (Lundekvam 46), Hoftun, Riise (Arsheim, 89) - Sorensen (Valencia 77), Andresen (Strand 77), Rudi, Iversen (Pereira 70), Solskjaer - Carew (Flo 46).
Turkey: Rustu (Metin 66) - Fatih Akyel (Emre 46), Alpay, Umit Ozat, Abdullah (Hasan Ozer 87) - Tayfur (Bulent 90), Ogun (Arif 64), Okan (Nihat 87), Basturk (Mehmet Polat 72), Hasan Sas (Ergun 46) - Hakan Sukur.

Aug 15 - Faro - friendly
Portugal 3 (Figo pen 43, pen 68, 90)
Moldova 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Borovilos (Gre)
Portugal: Ricardo (Quim 46) - Jorge Costa (Simao 60), Fernando Couto (Meiro 46), Frechaut, Rui Jorge (Litos 80), Petit, Rui Costa (Pauleta 89), Sergio Conceicao (Capucho 46), Figo, Joao Pinto (Boa Morte 75), Nuno Gomes.
Moldova: Romanenco - Catinsus, Olexic, Oprea, Andronic (Pogreban 72; Barburos 89), Covalciuc, Comleonoc, Epureanu, Curtianu (Covalenco 30), Berco, Clescenco.

Aug 15 - Dublin - friendly
Rep Ireland 2 (Duff 21, Morrison 77)
Croatia 2 (Vugrinec 80, Suker pen 90)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Schluchter (Swi)
Rep Ireland: Given (A Kelly 46) - G Kelly (O'Shea 85), Dunne (O'Brien 46), Staunton, Harte (McPhail 59) - Reid (Finnan 46), Roy Keane (McAteer 46), Carsley, Kennedy (Kilbane 46) - Duff (Morrison 51), Robbie Keane (Connolly 51).
Croatia: Pletikosa - R Kovac, Tudor, D Simic (Tomas 72) - Stanic (Biscan 46), N Kovac (Bjelica 83), Rapajic (Zivkovic 46), Soldo (Prosinecki 72), Jarni (Saric 61) - Balaban (Vugrinec 46), Boksic (Suker 72).

Aug 15 - Moscow - friendly
Russia 0
Greece 0
Ref: Granat (Pol)
Russia: Filimonov - Khokhlov (Semak 46), Nikiforov (Chugainov 46), Smertin (Khlestov 46), Karyaka (Alenichev 46), Kovtun, Onopko, Karpin (Gusev 46), Titov (Izmailov 66), Mostovoi, Beschastnykh (Popov 74).
Greece: Eleftheropoulos - Lakis, Venetidis, Dabizas, Amanatidis, K Konstantinidis (P Konstantinidis 79), Georgiadis (Giannakopoulos 79), Zagorakis (Katsambis 83), Machlas (Haristeas 63), Limberopoulos (Zikas 63), Karagounis (Vryzas 83).

Aug 15 - Bratislava - friendly
Slovakia 3 (Oravec 18, 19, Vittek 30)
Iran 4 (Karimi 7, 16, 83, Vahedi 43)
HT: 3-3
Slovakia: Konig (Hyll 46) - Karhan, Kinder, Timko, Labant - Balis, Janocko (Bencik 68), P Nemeth (Dzurik 46), Gresko (Pinte 46) - Vittek (Babnic 46), Oravec (Suchancok 71).
Iran: Mirzapour (Fanaee 46) - Rahbarifard, Golmohammadi (Kazemeyan 59), Rezaei - Mahdavikia, Karimi, Nekounam (Jamshidi 80), Dinmohammadi, Minavand - Daei, Vahedi (Hashemian 52).

Aug 15 - Ljubljana - friendly
Slovenia 2 (Acimovic 56, Zahovic 75)
Romania 2 (Niculae 14, Moldovan 66)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Kulovic (Bos)
Slovenia: Dabanovic (Simeunovic 46) - Karic (Tavcar 68), Bulajic, Galic, Knavs (Vugdalic 46), Novak, Ceh (Zahovic 46), Pavlin (Gajser 64), Rudonja (Pavlivic 46), Cimerotic (Osterc 46), Acimovic.
Romania: Stelea - Contra (Mihalcea 66), Lacusta (Iencsi 85), Radoi (Parvu 61), Chivu, Popescu, Kirita, Munteanu (Tararche 56), Niculae (Moldovan 46), Mutu (Dumitru 78), Ilie (Rosu 62).

Aug 15 - Stockholm - friendly
Sweden 3 (Larsson pen 5, Allback 56, Andreas Andersson 85)
South Africa 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 28,766. **Ref:** Riley (Eng)
Sweden: Hedman - Mellberg (Michael Svensson 77), P Andersson (Kaamark 58), Mjallby, Lucic (C Andersson 72) - Linderoth - Alexandersson (Andreas Andersson 46), Ljungberg (A Svensson 46), Soderstrom - Allback, Larsson.
South Africa: Vonk - Issa, Schoeman, Rabutla (August 86), Carnell (Lekheto 75) - Nomvete, Moshoeu, Tinkler, Buckley (Ngobe 58) - B McCarthy (Masinga 69), Bartlett.

Aug 15 - Belgrade - WC qual
Yugoslavia 2 (Mihajlovic 23, Djukic 85)
Faroe Islands 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Mendes Pratas (Por)
Yugoslavia: Kralj - Mirkovic, Djukic, Mihajlovic, Djorovic - I Tomic, Dmitrovic (P Djordjevic 68), Drulovic (Lazetic 62), Mijatovic - Kezman, Milosevic (Kovacevic 46).
Faroe Islands: Mikkelsen - J B Hansen, H F Hansen, Johannesen, J K Hansen - a Borg, Benjaminsen (R Jacobsen 90), J Johnsson, O Hansen, J Petersen (Olsen 84) - C Jacobsen.

Thursday, August 16

Aug 16 - Bogota - WC qual
Colombia 0
Peru 1 (Solano 47)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Ramos Rizo (Mex)

COPA AMERICA

In Colombia

Quarter-finals

July 22 - Pereira - Copa Am
Chile 0
Mexico 2 (Arellano 17, Osorno 78)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Simon (Bra)
Chile: S Vargas - Maldonado, L Fuentes, P Reyes, Perez (Neira 66), Osorio, Navia, Montecinos, R Rojas, Villaseca, Nunez (Valenzuela 41).
Mexico: O Perez - A Rodriguez (Zepeda 26), Marquez, Vidrio, H Morales, Torrado, R Morales, Garcia Aspe, Johan Rodriguez (Mercado 66), Arellano, De Nigris (Osorno 70).

July 22 - Armenia - Copa Am
Costa Rica 1 (Wanchope 52)
Uruguay 2 (Lemos pen 60, Lima 87)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Ruiz (Col)
Costa Rica: Lonnis - Drummond, Marin, Parks, G Martinez, Centeno (R Cordero 68), M Solis, C Castro, Fonseca, Gomez (Bryce 65), Wanchope.
Uruguay: Munua - Sorondo, Lima, Callejas, Perez, Lemos (Martinez 89), C Morales (Olivera 70), Curbelo, Gutierrez, R Morales, Anchen.

July 23 - Armenia - Copa Am
Colombia 3 (Aristizabal 50, 69, Hernandez 65)
Peru 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Alcala (Mex)
Colombia: O Cordoba - Gonzalez, Orozco, Yepes, Bedoya (Cortes 46), Ramirez (Diaz 83), Vargas, Grisales, Hernandez (Molina 74), Aristizabal, Ferreira.
Peru: Ibanez - Garcia, Zevallos, Pajuelo, Salazar, Jose Soto, J Hernandez (Vilchez 65), Jayo, Del Solar (Tempone 77), Jorge Soto (Uribe 74), Holsen.

July 23 - Manizales - Copa Am
Brazil 0
Honduras 2 (Belletti og 57, S Martinez 88)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Aquino (Par)
Brazil: Marcos - Belletti, Luisao (Juninho Paulista 46), Juan, Cris, Junior, Eduardo Costa (Jardel 65), Emerson Ferreira, Alex (Juninho Pernambucano 46), Guilherme, Denilson. *Sent off: Emerson Ferreira 82min.*
Honduras: Valladares - Perez, Medina, Garcia, S Caballero, Turcios (Rodriguez 68), Carcamo, Guevara, Bernardez, Leon (Izaguirre 88), S Martinez. *Sent off: Carcamo 82min.*

Semi-finals

July 25 - Pereira - Copa Am
Mexico 2 (Borgetti 14, Garcia Aspe pen 67)
Uruguay 1 (R Morales 32)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Sanchez (Arg)
Mexico: O Perez - Arellano, Marquez (A Rodriguez 62), Vidrio, H Morales, R Morales, Garcia Aspe, Zepeda (Mercado 33), Johan Rodriguez (De Nigris 55), Torrado, Borgetti. *Sent off: Garcia Aspe 87min, Vidrio 90min.*
Uruguay: Munua - Sorondo, Bizera (Estoyanoff 75), Lima, Callejas, Perez, Lemos (Olivera 67), C Morales, Gutierrez, R Morales, Anchen (Diaz 60). *Sent off: C Morales 45min, R Morales 90min.*

July 26 - Manizales - Copa Am
Colombia 2 (Bedoya 6, Aristizabal 63)
Honduras 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Sanchez (Chl)
Colombia: O Cordoba - Lopez, I Cordoba, Yepes, Bedoya, Ramirez, Grisales, Vargas, Murillo (Restrepo 90), Hernandez, Aristizabal (Arriaga 72).
Honduras: Valladares - Perez, S Caballero, Medina, Guity, Bernardez, Garcia (R Pineda 60), Turcios (Rodriguez 67), Guevara, Leon, S Martinez (Brown 73).

Third-place play-off

July 29 - Bogota - Copa Am
Uruguay 2 (Bizera 21, Martinez 44)
Honduras 2 (S Martinez 14, Izaguirre 41)
HT: 2-2. **Ref:** Hidalgo (Per)
Honduras 5-4 on pens

Uruguay: Berbia - Diaz, Gutierrez, Sorondo, Bizera, Dadomo (Lima 85), Martinez (J Rodriguez 65), Perez, Lemos, Estoyanoff, Guglielmone (Olivera 56).
Honduras: Enamorado - S Caballero, Izaguirre, L Morales (Medina 80), Perez, Garcia, Bernardez, Turcios (Rodriguez 64), Guevara (Philips 89), R Pineda, S Martinez.

FINAL

July 29 - Bogota - Copa Am
Mexico 0
Colombia 1 (I Cordoba 65)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Aquino (Par)
Mexico: O Perez - A Rodriguez (Zepeda 74), Mercado, H Morales, Torrado, Valdez, Johan Rodriguez (Osorno 67), R Morales, Juan P Rodriguez, Arellano (Victorino 54), Borgetti. *Sent off: Juan P Rodriguez 79min, Torrado 90min.*
Colombia: O Cordoba - Lopez, I Cordoba, Yepes, Bedoya, Ramirez, Grisales, Vargas, Hernandez (Molina 87), Aristizabal (Castillo 31), Murillo.

EUROPE

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

2nd qualifying rnd, 1st legs

July 24

FC Haka (Fin) 0
Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 1 (Jano pen 29)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,350. **Ref:** Gallagher (Eng)
Sent off: Nyyssonen (Haka) 85min

July 25

Anderlecht (Blg) 4 (Crasson 19, 80, De Boeck 43, 69)
Serif Tiraspol (Mol) 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 21,055. **Ref:** Mikulski (Pol)

Bohemians (Ire) 1 (Crowe 24)
Halmstads (Swe) 2 (Jonsson pen 34, Selakovic 55)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 4,225. **Ref:** Ersoy (Tur)

Ferencvaros (Hun) 0
Hajduk Split (Cro) 0
Ref: Vuorela (Fin)

Galatasaray (Tur) 2 (Umit Karan 17, Suat 88)
Vllaznia Shkoder (Alb) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,804. **Ref:** Paraty Da Silva (Por)

Levski Sofia (Bul) 0
Brann Bergen (Nor) 0
Att: 13,780. **Ref:** Farina (Ita)

Maribor (Sln) 0
Rangers (Sco) 3 (Flo 39, pen 74, Nerlinger 56)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Van der Ende (Hol)

Omonia Nicosia (Cyp) 1 (Thiebaut 69)
Red Star Belgrade (Yug) 1 (Pjanovic 26)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 16,756. **Ref:** Iturralde Gonzalez (Spa)

FC Porto (Por) 8 (Pena 12, 53, 54, 73, Deco pen 22, pen 23, 44, Soderstrom 42)
Barry Town (Wal) 0
HT: 5-0. **Att:** 43,050. **Ref:** Kaznaferis (Gre)

Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukr) 3 (Bakharev 21, Tymoshchuk 59, Vorobei 66)
Lugano (Swi) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 31,714. **Ref:** Olsen (Nor)

Skonto Riga (Lat) 1 (Korgalidze 78)
Wisla Krakow (Pol) 2 (Glowacki 49, Zurawski pen 79)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Sundell (Swe)

Slavia Mozyr (Bls) 0
Inter Bratislava (Slk) 1 (Kunzo 43)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,420. **Ref:** Dunn (Eng)

Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 3 (Raducanu 1, 18, Trica 78)
Sloga Jugomagnat (Mac) 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 9,200. **Ref:** Rodomonti (Ita)

Torpedo Kutaisi (Geo) 1 (Ashvetia 76)
FC Copenhagen (Den) 1 (Zuma 43)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 11,500. **Ref:** De Bleeckere (Blg)

2nd qualifying rnd, 2nd legs

July 31

Lugano 2 (Gaspoz 54, Rossi 67)
Shakhtar Donetsk 1 (Aghahowa 12)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,300. **Ref:** Ansuategui Roca (Spa)
Sent off: Rota (Lugano) 90min; N'Diaye (Shakhtar) 90min
Shakhtar 4-2 on agg

August 1

Barry Town 3 (Phillips 37, Flynn 38, Lloyd pen 90)
FC Porto 1 (Rafael 18)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 2,377. **Ref:** Koren (Isr)
Porto 9-3 on agg

Brann Bergen 1 (Walltin 16)
Levski Sofia 1 (G Ivanov 5)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 10,902. **Ref:** Granat (Pol)
Agg 1-1. Levski on away goals

FC Copenhagen 3 (Zuma 43, Lonstrup 59, Fernandez 75)
Torpedo Kutaisi 1 (Kutateladze 88)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,345. **Ref:** Garibian (Fra)
FC Copenhagen 4-2 on agg

Hajduk Split 0
Ferencvaros 0
Aet. **Att:** 26,400. **Ref:** Erdemir (Tur)
Agg 0-0. Hajduk 5-4 on pens

Halmstads 2 (Jonsson 56, Selakovic 65)
Bohemians 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,643. **Ref:** Dobrinov (Bul)
Halmstads 4-1 on agg

Inter Bratislava 1 (Lembakoali 72)
Slavia Mozyr 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Trivkovic (Cro)
Inter 2-0 on agg

***Maccabi Haifa 4** (Rosso 39, Katan 55, 77, 90)
FC Haka 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Arsic (Yug)
**Game awarded 3-0 to Haka; Maccabi fielded an ineligible player.*
Haka 3-1 on agg

Rangers 3 (Flo 55, Caniggia 58, 71)
Maribor 1 (Starcevic 18)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Monteiro Coroado (Por)
Rangers 6-1 on agg

Red Star Belgrade 2 (Lerinc 51, Acimovic 78)
Omonia Nicosia 1 (Kaiafas 71)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 18,145. **Ref:** Frohlich (Ger)
Red Star 3-2 on agg

Serif Tiraspol 1 (Boret 3)
Anderlecht 2 (Iachtchouk pen 28, De Boeck 60)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 4,498. **Ref:** Hansson (Swe)
Anderlecht 6-1 on agg

Sloga Jugomagnat 1 (Arben Nuhiji 87)
Steaua Bucharest 2 (N'Gassam 16, Raducanu 41)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 462. **Ref:** Jakobsson (Ice)
Steaua 5-1 on agg

Vllaznia Shkoder 1 (Sinani 32)
Galatasaray 4 (Umit Karan 37, Hasan 49, Arif 73, Serkan 79)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 4,600. **Ref:** Riley (Eng)
Sent off: Dibra (Vllaznia) 39min
Galatasaray 6-1 on agg

Wisla Krakow 1 (Zurawski 85)
Skonto Riga 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,500. **Ref:** Vollquartz (Den)
Wisla 3-1 on agg

3rd qualifying rnd, 1st legs

August 7

Lokomotiv Moscow (Rus) 3 (Lekheto 2, Izmailov 37, Ignashevich 79)
FC Tirol (Swi) 1 (Kirchler 19)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 12,500. **Ref:** Milton Nielsen (Den)

Shakhtar Donetsk 0
Borussia Dortmund (Ger) 2 (Ricken 35, Oliseh 73)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 31,714. **Ref:** Fisker (Den)

August 8

Ajax (Hol) 1 (Arveladze 40)
Celtic (Sco) 3 (Petta 7, Agathe 19, Sutton 55)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 51,800. **Ref:** Lopez Nieto (Spa)

FC Copenhagen 2 (Laursen pen 73, Fernandez 85)
Lazio (Ita) 1 (Crespo 56)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 37,516. **Ref:** Levnikov (Rus)

Galatasaray 2 (Umit Karan 9, Umit Davala 74)
Levski Sofia 1 (G Ivanov 78)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,051. **Ref:** Fandel (Ger)

Hajduk Split 1 (Bilic 20)
Mallorca (Spa) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 26,922. **Ref:** Sars (Fra)
Sent off: Rendulic 46min, Carevic 90min (both Hajduk)

FC Haka 0
Liverpool (Eng) 5 (Heskey 32, Owen 56, 65, 87, Hyypia 86)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 33,217. **Ref:** Dauden Ibanez (Spa)

Halmstads 2 (M Svensson 13, Selakovic 76)
Anderlecht 3 (Seol 56, Hasi 66, Mornar 87)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,876. **Ref:** Wojcik (Pol)

Inter Bratislava 3 (Lembakoali 50, 63, Drobnak 68)
Rosenborg (Nor) 3 (Brattbakk 8, Skammelsrud pen 78, Kunzo og 88)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,150. **Ref:** Cardoso Cortez Batista (Por)

Parma (Ita) 0
Lille (Fra) 2 (Bassir 47, Ecker 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Fernandez Marin (Spa)

FC Porto 2 (Parades 6, Helder 59)
Grasshopper (Swi) 2 (Nunez 50, Petric 57)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 46,142. **Ref:** Michel (Slk)

Rangers 0
Fenerbahce (Tur) 0
Att: 45,000. **Ref:** Meier (Swi)
Sent off: Mols (Rangers) 55min

Red Star Belgrade 0
Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 0
Att: 37,169. **Ref:** Wegereef (Hol)

Slavia Prague (Cze) 1 (Kuka 72)
Panathinaikos (Gre) 2 (Limberopoulos 26, Karagounis 55)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 19,000. **Ref:** Hamer (Lux)
Sent off: Cerny (Slavia) 86min

Steaua Bucharest 2 (Trica 30, 53)
Kyiv Dynamo (Ukr) 4 (Bialkevich pen 8, 26, Idakhor 43, Melaschenko 63)
HT: 1-3. **Att:** 15,300. **Ref:** Plautz (Aut)

Wisla Krakow 3 (Pater 21, 30, Frankowski 38)
Barcelona (Spa) 4 (Rivaldo pen 29, 32, 71, Kluivert 54)
HT: 3-2. **Att:** 7,506. **Ref:** Pedersen (Nor)

UEFA CUP

Qualifying rnd, 1st legs

August 9

AEK Athens (Gre) 6 (Tsartas 39, Zagorakis 42, Lakis 54, Nikolaidis 66, 90, Konstantinidis 70)
Grevenmacher (Lux) 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 6,082. **Ref:** Orlic (Mol)

Ararat Yerevan (Arm) 0
Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr) 2 (Toema 38, Osterc 43)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 4,500. **Ref:** Hlavac (Cze)

Atlantas (Lit) 0
Rapid Bucharest (Rom) 4 (Schumacher 18, Pancu 46, Nita 66, Sumudica 90)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,111. **Ref:** Dumitrov (Bul)

Birkirkara (Mlt) 0
Lokomotiv Tbilisi (Geo) 0
Att: 495. **Ref:** Weatherall (Nl)

Brasov (Rom) 5 (Buga 21, Sandor 23, 27, Isaila 47, Badea 61)
Mika Ashtarak (Arm) 1 (Nazaryan 57)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 6,200. **Ref:** Hald (Den)
Sent off: Minasyan (Mika) 13min, Moldovan (Brasov) 42min

Brondby (Den) 2 (Jonson 16, Bagger 80)
Shelbourne (Ire) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,011. **Ref:** Zmic (Bos)
Sent off: Geoghegan (Shelbourne) 90min

Club Brugge (Blg) 4 (Lange 62, 85, Lembi 77, Mendoza 88)
IA Akranes (Ice) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,925. **Ref:** Nalbandyan (Arm)
Sent off: Lesnjak 70min, Simic 81min (both Brugge); Hjalmsson (IA) 81min

Cosmos (SaM) 0
Rapid Wien (Aut) 1 (Wallner 10)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,132. **Ref:** Kostadinov (Bul)

CSKA Kyiv (Ukr) 2 (Kostyshyn 23, Maltsev 49)
Jokerit (Fin) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Aydin (Tur)

Cwmbran Town (Wal) 0
Slovan Bratislava (Slk) 4 (Mojic 40, Obzera 45, Vittek 83, Sobona 87)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 496. **Ref:** Godulyan (Ukr)
Sent off: Philpott (Cwmbran) 13min

Debrecen (Hun) 3 (Bajzat 25, Ulveczki 35, Tiber 82)
Nistru Otaci (Mol) 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 3,200. **Ref:** Borovilos (Gre)
Sent off: Lascencov (Nistru) 81min

Dinaburg (Lat) 2 (Dorosh 60, Pucinsks 80)
Osijek (Cro) 1 (Vuka 53)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Orrason (Ice)

Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) 1 (Niculescu pen 34)
Dinamo Tirana (Alb) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Agelakis (Gre)

Dinamo Tbilisi (Geo) 2 (Daraselia pen 22, Mikuchadze 86)
BATE Borisov (Bls) 1 (Goncharuk 88)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,500. **Ref:** Halsey (Eng)

Dinamo Zagreb (Cro) 1 (Gondzic 53)
Flora Tallinn (Est) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,480. **Ref:** Freeland (Sco)

Etzella Ettelbruck (Lux) 0
Legia Warsaw (Pol) 4 (Magiera 12, Kucharski 15, Wroblewski 26, Mierzejewski 72)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Isaksen (Far)

Fylkir (Ice) 2 (McFarlane 8, Stigsson 41)
Pogon Szczecin (Pol) 1 (Dzwigala pen 71)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 1,319. **Ref:** Ross (Nl)
Sent off: Stolarczyk (Pogon) 47min

Glenavon (Nl) 0
Kilmarnock (Sco) 1 (Innes 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,200. **Ref:** Maisonlahti (Fin)

HB Torshavn (Far) 2 (Mortansson 50, 58)
Grazer AK (Aut) 2 (Akwuegbu 60, 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 500. **Ref:** Lajuks (Lat)

HJK Helsinki (Fin) 2 (Kallio 37, Jensen 75)
Ventspils (Lat) 1 (Rimkus pen 62)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,751. **Ref:** Chikun (Bls)

Longford Town (Ire) 1 (O'Connor 14)
Litex Lovech (Bul) 1 (Youroukov 86)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,922. **Ref:** Pregja (Alb)

Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 6 (Ben-Dayan 7, Dago 21, 45, 77, Banin 51, Biton 80)
Zalgiris Vilnius (Lit) 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 6,726. **Ref:** Uzun (Tur)

Maritimo (Por) 1 (Dinda 5)
Sarajevo (Bos) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Moulin (Fra)

Matador Puchov (Slk) 3 (Breska 10, Pernis 66, Belak 72)
Sliema Wanderers (Mlt) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,200. **Ref:** Kulovic (Bos)

Midtjylland (Den) 1 (Pimpong 16)
Glentoran (Nl) 1 (Glendinning 84)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,550. **Ref:** Dorobantu (Rom)

MyPa (Fin) 1 (Lindberg 50)
Helsingborgs (Swe) 3 (Eklund 26, Prica 47, Lindstrom 86)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,702. **Ref:** Schuttengruber (Aut)

Neftchi Baku (Aze) 0
Gorica (Sln) 0
Att: 8,000. **Ref:** Szarka (Hun)

Obilic (Yug) 4 (Simonovic 22, Zoric pen 45, Mladenovic 48, Filipovic 65)
Gi Gotu (Far) 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 850. **Ref:** Bossen (Hol)
Sent off: Mladenovic (Obilic) 63min

Olimpija Ljubljana (Sln) 4 (Komac 28, Tiganj 58, 59, Calleja 74)
Shafa Baku (Aze) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 500. **Ref:** Zammit (Mlt)

Olympiakos Nicosia (Cyp) 2 (Themistocleous 49, Koziej 78)
Dunaferr (Hun) 2 (Sowunmi 15, Tokoli 50)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Kos (Sln)

Pelister (Mac) 0
St Gallen (Swi) 2 (Guido 4, Dal Santo 89)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,664. **Ref:** Verbist (Blg)

Polonia Warsaw (Pol) 4 (Tarachulski 70, 78, Moskal 90, 90)
Total Network Solutions (Wal) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 300. **Ref:** Tura (SaM)

Ruzomberok (Slk) 3 (Fabula 22, pen 83, Oravec 42)
Belshina Bobruisk (Bls) 1 (Siadniou pen 58)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 2,756. **Ref:** Coue (Fra)

Santa Coloma (And) 0
Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 1 (Cakar 12)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 900. **Ref:** Kvaratskhelia (Geo)
Sent off: S Ilic (Partizan) 60min

Shakhtyor Soligorsk (Bls) 1 (Padrez 81)
CSKA Sofia (Bul) 2 (Manchev 65, Giglio 79)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,650. **Ref:** Markusson (Ice)

SK Tirana (Alb) 3 (Fortuzi 58, 83, Kenesei 75)
Apollon (Cyp) 2 (Zubarev 3, 48)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Attard (Mlt)

***Trans Narva (Est) 1** (Gruznov 40)
Elfsborg (Swe) 3 (Lundstrom 33, Andreasson pen 36, 61)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 350. **Ref:** Gadosi (Slk)
**Game awarded 3-0 to Trans Narva; Elfsborg fielded an unregistered player*

Vaduz (Lie) 3 (Niederhauser 41, Merenda 53, 75)
Varteks (Cro) 3 (Bjelanovic 49, 85, 86)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,065. **Ref:** Loizou (Cyp)

Vardar Skopje (Mac) 0
Standard Liege (Blg) 3 (Meyssen 15, Blay 50, Walem 69)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,560. **Ref:** Kacenga (Slk)

Viking (Nor) 1 (Fuglestad pen 82)
Brotnjo (Bos) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,900. **Ref:** Underhill (Sco)
Sent off: Sablic (Brotnjo) 88min

Zimbru Chisinau (Mol) 0
Gaziantepspor (Tur) 0
Att: 4,000. **Ref:** Mendes Pratas (Por)

INTERTOTO CUP

Semi-finals, 1st legs

July 25: Basle (Swi) 3 Lausanne (Swi) 0; Chmel Blsany (Cze) 1 Brescia (Ita) 2; Gent (Blg) 0 Paris Saint-Germain (Fra) 0; 1860 Munich (Ger) 2 Newcastle United (Eng) 3; Rennes (Fra) 2 Aston Villa (Eng) 1; Troyes (Fra) 1 Wolfsburg (Ger) 0.

Semi-finals, 2nd legs

Aug 1: Aston Villa 1 Rennes 0 *Agg 2-2. Villa on away goals*; Brescia 2 Chmel Blsany 2 *Brescia 4-3 on agg*; Lausanne 2 Basle 2 *Basle 5-2 on agg*; Newcastle United 3 1860 Munich 1 *Newcastle 6-3 on agg*; Paris Saint-Germain 7 Gent 1 *PSG 7-1 on agg*; Wolfsburg 2 Troyes 2 *Troyes 3-2 on agg.*

Finals, 1st legs

Aug 7: Basle 1 (Gimenez 75) Aston Villa 1 (Merson 59); Paris Saint Germain 0 Brescia 0; Troyes 0 Newcastle United 0.

AUSTRIA

July 24: Karnten 3 Rapid Wien 0; Salzburg 0 FC Tirol 0.
July 25: Bregenz 0 SV Ried 3; Austria Wien 1 Sturm Graz 1; Grazer AK 3 Admira 0.
July 28: Admira 1 Salzburg 2; Rapid Wien 3 Bregenz 1; SV Ried 2 Grazer AK 2; Sturm Graz 3 Karnten 0.
July 29: FC Tirol 1 Austria Wien 0.
July 31: Salzburg 0 Rapid Wien 1.
Aug 1: Austria Wien 3 SV Ried 3; Bregenz 0 Sturm Graz 5; Grazer AK 5 Karnten 0; FC Tirol 6 Admira 0.
Aug 4: Admira 2 Austria Wien 4; Karnten 1 Bregenz 1; SV Ried 1 Salzburg 2.
Aug 5: Rapid Wien 0 Grazer AK 4.
Aug 11: Salzburg 1 Karnten 2; FC Tirol 0 SV Ried 0; Admira 1 Sturm Graz 2.
Aug 12: Austria Wien 2 Rapid Wien 1; Grazer AK 0 Bregenz 0.

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Tirol	6	4	2	0	14	0	14
Grazer AK	7	4	2	1	17	6	14
Sturm Graz	6	4	1	1	13	5	13
SV Ried	7	2	4	1	13	10	10
Rapid Wien	7	3	1	3	10	13	10
Karnten	7	3	1	3	8	12	10
Austria Wien	7	2	3	2	12	11	9
Salzburg	7	2	2	3	5	6	8
Bregenz	7	1	2	4	3	17	5
Admira	7	0	0	7	4	19	0

BELGIUM

Saturday, August 11

Anderlecht 3 (Hendrikx 47, De Bilde pen 54, 63)
Royal Antwerp 0 Att: 24,961

Genk 5 (Sonck 10, 47, 80, Beslija 55, Vlaminck og 63)
Beveren 1 (Zezeto 44) Att: 19,120

Gent 4 (Anic 32, 45, Oyawole 50, Vanic 90)
St Truiden 2 (Mbonabucya 6, Boffin 63) Att: 7,500

Lierse 1 (Vidarsson og 36)
Lokeren 1 (Bangoura 4) Att: 6,500

Lommel 1 (Dekelver 80)
RWDM 0 Att: 6,000

Sunday, August 12

Charleroi 0
Standard 0 Att: 17,000

Club Brugge 4 (Mendoza 4, Simons 34, Lange 38, 45)
Westerlo 2 (Van den Bossche 33, Pelic 86) Att: 17,200

Eendracht Aalst 1 (Dimbala 22)
Mouscron 0 Att: 3,000

Germinal BA 8 (Degryse 3, Kpaka 24, 50, 62, Huysmans 30, 71, 80, 86)
La Louviere 2 (Misse-Misse 25, Dias pen 69) Att: 6,500

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germinal BA	1	1	0	0	8	2	3
Genk	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Anderlecht	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Gent	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Club Brugge	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Lommel	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Eendracht Aalst	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Lierse	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Lokeren	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Charleroi	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Standard	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
RWDM	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mouscron	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
St Truiden	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Westerlo	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Royal Antwerp	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Beveren	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
La Louviere	1	0	0	1	2	8	0

LEADING GOALSCORERS

4 Dirk Huysmans (Germinal BA)
3 Paul Kpaka (Germinal BA)
3 Wesley Sonck (Genk)

SUPER CUP

Aug 4
Westerlo 1 (Severeyns 17)
Anderlecht 4 (Hendrikx 52, Seol 65, 70, 77)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,000

BULGARIA

Aug 3: Belasitsa 0 CSKA 0.
Aug 4: Cherno More 0 Slavia 1; Lokomotiv Plovdiv 2 Spartak Pleven 1; Lokomotiv Sofia 0 Spartak Varna 0; Levski 1 Beroe 0; Litex Lovech 4 Chernomorets 1; Neftohimik 3 Marek 1.
Aug 10: Spartak Pleven 0 Neftohimik 2.
Aug 11: Spartak Varna 4 Belasitsa 1; Marek 0 Lokomotiv Sofia 3; Chernomorets 2 Lokomotiv Plovdiv 2; Beroe 0 CSKA 3; Levski 1 Cherno More 0.
Aug 12: Slavia 1 Litex Lovech 1.

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neftohimik	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Levski	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Litex Lovech	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Spartak Varna	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
CSKA	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Lok Sofia	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Lok Plovdiv	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Slavia	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Chernomorets	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
Belasitsa	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Cherno More	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Spartak Pleven	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Beroe	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Marek	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

CROATIA

July 28: Varteks 1 Kamen Ingrad 1; TSK 2 Dinamo 4; Cibalia 2 Sibenik 0.
July 29: Zagreb 3 Hrvatski drag 0; Marsonia 1 Cakovec 2; Zadar 1 Pomorac 1; Rijeka 1 Slaven 0.
Aug 4: Cakovec 2 TSK 1; Hrvatski drag 1 Varteks 3; Slaven 2 Zagreb 2; Osijek 2 Sibenik 0; Dinamo 0 Zadar 0; Hajduk 4 Rijeka 1.
Aug 5: Pomorac 2 Cibalia 0; Kamen Ingrad 2 Marsonia 4.
Aug 11: TSK 1 Kamen Ingrad 1.
Aug 12: Varteks 2 Slaven 0; Cibalia 1 Dinamo 2; Rijeka 4 Osijek 0; Zagreb 1 Hajduk 0; Marsonia 0 Hrvatski drag 0; Zadar 4 Cakovec 1; Sibenik 1 Pomorac 2.

CROATIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Varteks	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Zagreb	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Dinamo	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Pomorac	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Rijeka	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Cakovec	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Zadar	3	1	2	0	5	2	5
Marsonia	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Hajduk	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Cibalia	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Osijek	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Kamen Ingrad	3	0	2	1	4	6	2
TSK	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Slaven	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Hrvatski drag	3	0	1	2	1	6	1
Sibenik	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

CZECH REPUBLIC

July 28: Teplice 0 Olomouc 1.
July 29: Jablonec 5 Hradec Kralove 1; Ostrava 2 Zizkov 1; Brno 2 Pribram 1; Bohemians 2 Opava 0; Synot 0 Liberec 2; Chmel Blsany 3 Sparta 0; Slavia 4 Drnovice 3.
Aug 3: Jablonec 3 Slavia 1.
Aug 4: Hradec Kralove 0 Sparta 5.
Aug 5: Liberec 2 Chmel Blsany 0; Opava 1 Synot 2; Pribram 1 Bohemians 5; Olomouc 0 Brno 0; Zizkov 3 Teplice 0; Drnovice 1 Ostrava 2.
Aug 10: Sparta 1 Liberec 2.
Aug 11: Slavia 4 Hradec Kralove 0.
Aug 12: Ostrava 3 Jablonec 0; Teplice 0 Drnovice 2; Brno 1 Zizkov 3; Bohemians 2 Olomouc 0; Synot 2 Pribram 0; Chmel Blsany 4 Opava 2.

CZECH REPUBLIC

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bohemians	3	3	0	0	9	1	9
Ostrava	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Liberec	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Zizkov	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Slavia	3	2	0	1	9	6	6
Jablonec	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
Chmel Blsany	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
Synot	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Brno	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Olomouc	3	1	1	1	1	2	4
Sparta	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Drnovice	3	1	0	2	6	6	3
Opava	3	0	0	3	3	8	0
Teplice	3	0	0	3	0	6	0
Pribram	3	0	0	3	2	9	0
Hradec Kralove	3	0	0	3	1	14	0

DENMARK

July 21: FC Copenhagen 2 Viborg 1.
July 22: Brondby 5 AGF 0; Silkeborg 1 AB 1; Vejle 2 Lyngby 2.
July 23: AaB 2 Midtjylland 1.
July 29: FC Copenhagen 4 Vejle 1; Lyngby 2 Esbjerg 0; AB 1 Brondby 3; AGF 1 AaB 3; Midtjylland 1 Viborg 1.
July 30: OB 3 Silkeborg 1.
Aug 5: Midtjylland 0 FC Copenhagen 0; Viborg 0 AGF 0; AaB 0 AB 2; Brondby 2 OB 0; Esbjerg 1 Vejle 1.
Aug 6: Silkeborg 0 Lyngby 0.
Aug 12: AGF 0 Midtjylland 1; Vejle 3 Silkeborg 0; Lyngby 1 Brondby 0; OB 0 AaB 2; AB 1 Viborg 2; Esbjerg 2 FC Copenhagen 1.

DENMARK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brondby	4	3	0	1	10	2	9
AaB	4	3	0	1	7	4	9
Lyngby	4	2	2	0	5	2	8
FC Copenhagen	4	2	1	1	7	4	7
Vejle	4	1	2	1	7	7	5
Viborg	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Midtjylland	4	1	2	1	3	3	5
AB	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
Esbjerg	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
OB	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Silkeborg	4	0	2	2	2	7	2
AGF	4	0	1	3	1	9	1

ENGLAND

CHARITY SHIELD

Aug 12 - Cardiff
Man Utd 1 (Van Nistelrooy 51)
Liverpool 2 (McAllister pen 2, Owen 16)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 70,227. **Ref:** D'Urso

FRANCE

Friday, July 27

Bordeaux 2 (Pauleta 27, Paulo Miranda 42)
Nantes 0 Att: 32,000

Saturday, July 28

Bastia 1 (Benoforti 80)
Sedan 1 (Brogno 88) Att: 6,579

Lens 2 (Sarr 11, Ismael 18)
Lyon 0 Att: 34,239

Lorient 1 (Feindouno 81)
Metz 0 Att: 11,500

Monaco 0
Sochaux 1 (Trapasso 75) Att: 7,000

Montpellier 1 (Maoulida pen 78)
Marseille 1 (Bakayoko 28) Att: 30,000

Paris SG 0
Lille 0 Att: 45,000

Rennes 0
Auxerre 5 (Cisse 34, 53, 73, 81, Tainio 48) Att: 15,436

Troyes 3 (Saifi 34, O Thomas 73, Ghazi 82)
Guingamp 0 Att: 18,000

Friday, August 3

Marseille 0
Bordeaux 0 Att: 58,000

Saturday, August 4

Auxerre 1 (Cisse 82)
Paris SG 1 (Pochettino 39) Att: 20,000

Guingamp 1 (Bardon 88)
Bastia 0 Att: 10,268

Lille 3 (Bruno Cheyrou 53, 58, Bakari 85)
Lorient 1 (Darcheville 48) Att: 15,941

Lyon 2 (Anderson 26, Laigle 76)
Sedan 0 Att: 33,000

Monaco 0
Montpellier 0 Att: 12,000

Metz 2 (Bah 34, Pierre 38)
Troyes 1 (Gousse 23) Att: 17,272

Nantes 1 (Quint pen 72)
Lens 2 (Moreira 31, Diouf 86) Att: 35,000

Sochaux 4 (Frau 28, 90, Pagis 36, 39)
Rennes 3 (Fernandez og 42, 52, Monterrubio pen 44) Att: 14,000

Saturday, August 11

Bordeaux 0
Lille 0 Att: 32,370

Lens 2 (Sakho 60, 66)
Marseille 0 Att: 40,327

Montpellier 3 (Maoulida 16, Sorlin 81, Carotti 89)
Metz 0 Att: 12,000

Paris SG 1 (Aloisio 89)
Sochaux 0 Att: 40,577

Rennes 3 (Monterrubio 18, 24, pen 81)
Monaco 0 Att: 16,312

Sedan 1 (Peyrelade 31)
Guingamp 1 (Bardon 46) Att: 13,816

Troyes 0
Nantes 0 Att: 14,173

Sunday, August 12

Bastia 1 (Ferreira pen 71)
Lyon 2 (Bak 34, Juninho 66) Att: 8,000

Lorient 0
Auxerre 1 (Cisse 36) Att: 12,000

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lens	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Auxerre	3	2	1	0	7	1	7
Sochaux	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Lyon	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Montpellier	3	1	2	0	4	1	5
Lille	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
Bordeaux	3	1	2	0	2	0	5
Paris SG	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Troyes	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
Guingamp	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
Lorient	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Rennes	3	1	0	2	6	9	3
Metz	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Sedan	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Marseille	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Bastia	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Nantes	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Monaco	3	0	1	2	0	4	1

LEADING GOALSCORERS
6 Djibril Cisse (Auxerre)
4 Olivier Monterrubio (Rennes)

GERMANY

Saturday, July 28

Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Lucio 41, 46)
Wolfsburg 1 (Feldhoff 86) Att: 22,500

Borussia Dortmund 2 (Amoroso 12, 33)
Nurnberg 0 Att: 65,500

Borussia MG 1 (Van Lent 23)
Bayern Munich 0 Att: 34,500

Energie Cottbus 1 (Miriuta pen 90)
Hamburg 0 Att: 17,781

Freiburg 3 (Kobiashvili 50, Tanko 87, Coulibaly 89)
Werder Bremen 0 Att: 25,000

1860 Munich 0
Kaiserslautern 4 (Strasser 54, Marschall 60, Pettersson 76, H Koch pen 84) Att: 26,500

Stuttgart 0
Koln 0 Att: 25,000

Sunday, July 29

St Pauli 0
Hertha 0 Att: 19,700

Saturday, August 4

Bayern Munich 3 (Pizarro 6, Scholl 13, N Kovac 41)
Schalke 0 Att: 63,000

Hamburg 2 (Albertz 40, Meijer 50)
Stuttgart 0 Att: 39,026

Hansa Rostock 0
Bayer Leverkusen 3 (Basturk 12, Kirsten 65, Sebescen 75) Att: 25,100

Hertha 0
Borussia Dortmund 2 (Amoroso 52, Stevic 87) Att: 50,000

Koln 2 (Kurth 47, 88)
1860 Munich 0 Att: 30,000

Werder Bremen 3 (Ernst 15, Ailton 54, 65)
Energie Cottbus 2 (Kaluzny 25, Labak 29) Att: 26,040

Wolfsburg 1 (Karhan 85)
St Pauli 1 (Rahn 7) Att: 16,187

Sunday, August 5

Kaiserslautern 3 (Basler 67, H Koch pen 89, Ramzy 90)
Borussia MG 2 (Van Lent 52, 61) Att: 41,582

Nurnberg 2 (Michalke 23, Gomis 56)
Freiburg 0 Att: 25,000

Saturday, August 11

Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Kirsten 69)
Bayern Munich 1 (Elber 80) Att: 22,500

Borussia Dortmund 4 (Amoroso 28, Ricken 33, Koller 41, Rosicky 84)
Wolfsburg 0 Att: 66,000

Energie Cottbus 1 (Kobylanski 20)
Nurnberg 0 Att: 15,702

Freiburg 1 (Iashvili 88)
Hertha 3 (Deisler pen 8, 42, Preetz 69) Att: 25,000

Kaiserslautern 2 (Lokvenc 27, 37)
Koln 1 (Springer 47) Att: 39,603

1860 Munich 1 (Agostino 67)
Hamburg 1 (Hoogma 6) Att: 25,500

Stuttgart 0
Werder Bremen 0 Att: 20,000

Sunday, August 12

Borussia MG 0
Schalke 0 Att: 34,500

St Pauli 0
Hansa Rostock 1 (Beierle 20) Att: 19,600

GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
B Dortmund	3	3	0	0	8	0	9
Kaiserslautern	3	3	0	0	9	3	9
Bayer Leverkusen	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Energie Cottbus	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Bayern Munich	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
Hamburg	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Koln	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Borussia MG	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Hertha	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Werder Bremen	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
Freiburg	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Nurnberg	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Hansa Rostock	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
St Pauli	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Stuttgart	3	0	2	1	0	2	2
Schalke	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Wolfsburg	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
1860 Munich	3	0	1	2	1	7	1

LEADING GOALSCORERS
4 Marcio Amoroso (Borussia Dortmund)
3 Arie Van Lent (Borussia MG)

LEAGUE CUP – FINAL

July 21 - Mannheim
Schalke 1 (Bohme 40)
Hertha 4 (Waldoch og 24, Marcelinho 29, Alves 66, Hartmann 85)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Berg

HOLLAND

SUPER CUP

Aug 12 - Amsterdam
PSV 3 (Kezman 4, Bruggink 10, Rommedahl 71)
Twente 2 (De Witte 33, Van der Doelen 90)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 32,500. **Ref:** Luinge

HUNGARY

July 21: Kispest-Honved 1 Ferencvaros 0; Matav 2 Dunaferr 2; Ujpest 1 Haladas 1; Debrecen 0 Videoton 1; Zalaegerszeg 4 Vasas 1.
July 22: MTK 3 Gyor 0.
July 27: Gyor 0 Zalaegerszeg 1.
July 28: Vasas 1 Kispest-Honved 2; Dunaferr 2 Videoton 0; Debrecen 0 MTK 3; Ferencvaros 2 Ujpest 1; Haladas 2 Matav 1.
Aug 3: Zalaegerszeg 2 MTK 0.
Aug 4: Ujpest 4 Vasas 2; Dunaferr 4 Debrecen 0; Kispest-Honved 1 Gyor 6; Videoton 1 Haladas 0.
Aug 5: Matav 1 Ferencvaros 2.
Aug 10: Ferencvaros 4 Videoton 0.
Aug 11: MTK 3 Kispest-Honved 1; Gyor 1 Ujpest 1; Vasas 0 Matav 2.
Aug 12: Debrecen 1 Zalaegerszeg 1; Haladas 2 Dunaferr 0.

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zalaegerszeg	5	4	1	0	9	2	13
MTK	5	4	0	1	10	3	12
Dunaferr	5	3	1	1	10	5	10
Haladas	5	3	1	1	6	3	10
Ferencvaros	5	3	0	2	8	4	9
Videoton	5	3	0	2	3	6	9
Kispest-Honved	5	2	0	3	5	11	6
Ujpest	5	1	2	2	8	8	5
Gyor	5	1	1	3	7	7	4
Matav	5	1	1	3	6	7	4
Debrecen	5	1	1	3	2	9	4
Vasas	5	0	0	5	4	13	0

NORWAY

July 22: Brann 3 Tromso 1; Lillestrom 7 Stromsgodset 4; Lyn 1 Sogndal 1; Odd Grenland 0 Bodo/Glimt 5; Stabaek 4 Bryne 0; Viking 2 Moss 1; Molde 1 Rosenborg 1.
July 29: Bryne 0 Brann 3; Moss 0 Molde 1; Odd Grenland 2 Lyn 2; Rosenborg 4 Bodo/Glimt 0; Sogndal 2 Lillestrom 2; Stromsgodset 2 Stabaek 1; Tromso 1 Viking 0.
Aug 4: Rosenborg 6 Moss 0.
Aug 5: Bodo/Glimt 5 Lyn 2; Brann 6 Stromsgodset 2; Stabaek 4 Sogndal 0; Viking 1 Bryne 0; Molde 4 Tromso 3.
Aug 12: Bryne 4 Molde 3; Lyn 0 Lillestrom 2; Moss 2 Bodo/Glimt 0; Odd Grenland 3 Stabaek 0; Sogndal 4 Brann 3; Stromsgodset 3 Viking 3; Tromso 1 Rosenborg 3.

NORWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rosenborg	18	11	5	2	50	21	38
Lillestrom	17	11	3	3	44	23	36
Viking	18	10	5	3	34	21	35
Brann	18	10	4	4	50	29	34
Stabaek	18	11	1	6	34	26	34
Odd Grenland	17	9	4	4	35	22	31
Molde	18	8	4	6	36	31	28
Sogndal	18	6	4	8	29	41	22
Moss	18	6	1	11	22	35	19
Bodo/Glimt	18	4	6	8	27	34	18
Lyn	18	3	7	8	27	33	16
Stromsgodset	18	3	6	9	31	53	15
Tromso	18	4	0	14	14	37	12
Bryne	18	3	2	13	18	45	11

POLAND

July 17: Odra 3 Katowice 1.
July 21: Polonia 4 Gornik 1; KSZO 0 Wisla 1; Widzew 0 Zaglebie 2; Ruch Chorzow 2 Stomil 1; Slask 1 Legia 0; Amica 3 Groclin 0; RKS 0 Pogon 3.
July 27: Legia 1 Amica 2.
July 28: Zaglebie 3 Odra 1; Gornik 0 KSZO 0; Groclin 2 Slask 4; Pogon 0 Ruch Chorzow 0; Stomil 0 RKS 0.
July 29: Wisla 2 Polonia 2.
Aug 3: Ruch Chorzow 0 Legia 4.
Aug 4: Polonia 1 Katowice 2; Widzew 3 Wisla 2; Amica 1 Pogon 1; Slask 1 Stomil 2; RKS 0 Groclin 1.
Aug 5: Odra 1 Gornik 0.
Aug 11: KSZO 0 Polonia 1; RKS 1 Ruch Chorzow 0.
Aug 12: Gornik 1 Wisla 2; Katowice 1 Zaglebie 0; Odra 2 Widzew 0; Stomil 1 Pogon 1; Legia 1 Groclin 1; Slask 1 Amica 2.

POLAND – GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Odra	4	3	0	1	7	4	9
Polonia	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Wisla	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Zaglebie	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Katowice	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
Widzew	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
KSZO	3	0	1	2	0	2	1
Gornik	4	0	1	3	2	7	1

POLAND – GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Amica	4	3	1	0	8	3	10
Pogon	4	1	3	0	5	2	6
Slask	4	2	0	2	7	6	6
Stomil	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Legia	4	1	1	2	6	4	4
RKS	4	1	1	2	1	4	4
Groclin	4	1	1	2	4	8	4
Ruch Chorzow	4	1	1	2	2	6	4

Top four from each group qualify for championship pool

PORTUGAL

Friday, August 10

Boavista 3 (Serginho 43, 68, Duda 81)
Beira Mar 0

Saturday, August 11

Sporting Braga 0
Uniao Leiria 0

Varzim 2 (Fumo 83, Cabral og 90)
Benfica 2 (Zahovic 15, Fernando Meira 48)

Sunday, August 12

Guimaraes 0
Gil Vicente 2 (Ricardo Fernandes 6, Ricardo Nascimento 65)

Pacos Ferreira 3 (Leonardo 35, 59, 65)
Belenenses 1 (Marcao 80)

Salgueiros 0
Farense 2 (Cavaco 27, Ferreira 50)

Sporting Lisbon 1 (Niculae 69)
FC Porto 0

Monday, August 13

Maritimo 3 (Gaucho 34, 50, Van der Gaag 45)
Setubal 1 (Meyong 59)

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boavista	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Maritimo	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Pacos Ferreira	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Farense	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Gil Vicente	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Sporting Lisbon	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Benfica	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Varzim	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Sporting Braga	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Uniao Leiria	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Alverca	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Porto	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Belenenses	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Setubal	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Guimaraes	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Salgueiros	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Beira Mar	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

LEADING GOALSCORERS
3 Leonardo (Pacos Ferreira)
2 Gaucho (Maritimo)
2 Serginho (Boavista)

SUPER CUP

Aug 4 - Vila do Conde
FC Porto 1 (Jorge Andrade 22)
Boavista 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,000

ROMANIA

Aug 3: Sportul 3 Petrolul 0.
Aug 4: Dinamo 3 Ceahlaul 1; Farul 1 Brasov 1; U Craiova 4 Gloria 0; National 1 Otelul 1; Astra 1 Arges 0.
Aug 5: UM Timisoara 0 Rapid 3; Bacau 0 Steaua 1.
Aug 10: Arges 3 Bacau 3.
Aug 11: Gloria 1 National 0; Petrolul 1 Astra 0; Ceahlaul 1 Farul 0; Otelul 2 UM Timisoara 1.
Aug 12: Steaua 4 U Craiova 1; Brasov 2 Sportul 0; Rapid 2 Dinamo 2.

ROMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Steaua	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Rapid	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Dinamo	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Brasov	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Otelul	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
U Craiova	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Sportul	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Astra	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Ceahlaul	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Petrolul	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Gloria	2	1	0	1	1	4	3
Arges	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Bacau	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Farul	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
National	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
UM Timisoara	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

RUSSIA

July 22: Rostselmash 0 Chernomorets 0; Rotor 3 Spartak 3; Kryliya Sovetov 1 Alaniya 1; Dinamo 1 Anzhi 1; Fakel 2 Lokomotiv M 0; Saturn 2 Zenit 2; Torpedo M 1 CSKA 3.
July 23: Torpedo-ZIL 1 Sokol 0.
July 27: Spartak 5 Rostselmash 1.
July 28: CSKA 2 Rotor 1; Chernomorets 0 Torpedo-ZIL 0; Sokol 0 Saturn 2; Zenit 2 Fakel 1; Lokomotiv M 4 Dinamo 1; Anzhi 4 Kryliya Sovetov 1; Alaniya 2 Torpedo M 0.
Aug 1: Kryliya Sovetov 1 Lokomotiv M 1.
Aug 4: Saturn 4 Chernomorets 0; Torpedo-ZIL 0 Spartak 2; Rostselmash 1 Rotor 2; Torpedo M 2 Anzhi 1; Fakel 0 Sokol 1; Alaniya 0 CSKA 0.
Aug 5: Dinamo 1 Zenit 3.
Aug 11: CSKA 0 Rostselmash 0; Rotor 0 Torpedo-ZIL 0; Spartak 0 Saturn 0; Chernomorets 1 Fakel 0; Sokol 2 Dinamo 1; Zenit 1 Kryliya Sovetov 1; Lokomotiv M 3 Torpedo M 1; Anzhi 3 Alaniya 2.

RUSSIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spartak	21	11	7	3	32	17	40
Zenit	21	11	6	4	35	26	39
Lokomotiv M	21	11	5	5	36	17	38
Kryliya Sovetov	21	10	6	5	27	16	36
CSKA	21	9	8	4	25	15	35
Sokol	21	10	5	6	24	26	35
Torpedo M	21	9	5	7	35	30	32
Saturn	21	8	7	6	27	15	31
Anzhi	21	6	8	7	22	20	26
Rostselmash	21	6	5	10	18	24	23
Alaniya	21	6	5	10	21	30	23
Dinamo	21	5	7	9	25	33	22
Rotor	21	5	6	10	23	31	21
Fakel	21	5	4	12	19	26	19
Torpedo-ZIL	21	4	7	10	13	28	19
Chernomorets	21	3	7	11	10	38	16

SCOTLAND

Saturday, July 28

Aberdeen 0
Rangers 3 (Nerlinger 55, Latapy pen 67, Caniggia 72) Att: 18,800

Celtic 3 (Mjallby 37, Lambert 64, 72)
St Johnstone 0 Att: 58,005

Dundee Utd 2 (Miller 30, Hamilton 90)
Dundee 2 (Sara 33, Rae 56) Att: 13,327

Dunfermline 5 (De Gier 8, 59, Nicholson 46, 70, Bullen 56)
Motherwell 2 (Kelly pen 25, Adams 79) Att: 4,830

Hibernian 2 (Sauzee pen 39, Laursen 82)
Kilmarnock 2 (Ngonge 4, Cocard 45) Att: 12,717

Livingston 2 (Quino 34, Fernandez 63)
Hearts 1 (Cameron 89) Att: 8,321

Saturday, August 4

Dundee 2 (Sara 9, Caballero 62)
Hibernian 1 (O'Neil 59) Att: 9,447

Hearts 1 (Cameron 20)
Aberdeen 0 Att: 12,696

Kilmarnock 0
Celtic 1 (Larsson 76) Att: 13,201

Motherwell 0
Dundee Utd 0 Att: 5,057

Rangers 0
Livingston 0 Att: 47,805

St Johnstone 0
Dunfermline 2 (Nicholson 6, Nicholls 55) Att: 4,701

Saturday, August 11

Celtic 2 (Larsson 45, 64)
Hearts 0 Att: 58,423

Dundee 1 (Sara 24)
Livingston 0 Att: 7,712

Dunfermline 1 (Klos og 52)
Rangers 4 (Latapy 13, Flo 17, Konterman 48, 82) Att: 10,902

Hibernian 2 (Sauzee pen 6, McManus 45)
Aberdeen 0 Att: 13,150

St Johnstone 0
Dundee Utd 1 (Griffin 39) Att: 5,156

Sunday, August 12

Motherwell 2 (Dow 13, Elliott 90)
Kilmarnock 2 (Ngonge 7, Mitchell 82) Att: 5,188

SCOTLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Rangers	3	2	1	0	7	1	7
Dundee	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Dunfermline	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
Dundee Utd	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Hibernian	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Livingston	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Hearts	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Kilmarnock	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Motherwell	3	0	2	1	4	7	2
Aberdeen	3	0	0	3	0	6	0
St Johnstone	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

LEADING GOALSCORERS
3 Henrik Larsson (Celtic)
3 Barry Nicholson (Dunfermline)
3 Juan Sara (Dundee)

SWEDEN

July 21: Halmstads 3 Orebro 0.
July 22: Djurgardens 3 Elfsborg 0; Trelleborgs 0 Hacken 4.
July 23: Sundsvall 2 Malmo 1; Norrkoping 2 IFK Gothenburg 3.
July 24: Helsingborgs 1 Hammarby 3.
July 29: AIK 2 Sundsvall 0; Hacken 0 Norrkoping 2; Malmo 3 Halmstads 3.
July 30: Hammarby 4 Trelleborgs 1; Elfsborg 0 Orgryte 0; Orebro 3 Helsingborgs 3.
July 31: IFK Gothenburg 0 Djurgardens 2.
Aug 4: Halmstads 2 AIK 2.
Aug 5: Djurgardens 2 Hacken 1; Sundsvall 2 Orgryte 2; IFK Gothenburg 2 Elfsborg 2.
Aug 6: Helsingborgs 1 Malmo 1; Norrkoping 1 Hammarby 2; Trelleborgs 1 Orebro 1.
Aug 9: Hacken 3 IFK Gothenburg 0; Hammarby 0 Djurgardens 1.
Aug 12: Elfsborg 3 Sundsvall 2; AIK 2 Helsingborgs 2; Malmo 1 Trelleborgs 3; Orebro 5 Norrkoping 3; Orgryte 0 Halmstads 2.

SWEDEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hammarby	17	9	5	3	27	16	32
Djurgardens	17	9	5	3	22	15	32
IFK Gothenburg	17	7	6	4	27	21	27
Halmstads	17	7	5	5	36	22	26
Orgryte	17	6	7	4	23	20	25
Malmo	17	7	3	7	28	25	24
AIK	17	6	6	5	23	20	24
Helsingborgs	17	5	8	4	27	23	23
Elfsborg	17	6	4	7	25	31	22
Orebro	17	4	9	4	29	29	21
Hacken	17	4	6	7	22	25	18
Norrkoping	17	4	5	8	19	31	17
Sundsvall	17	3	5	9	14	25	14
Trelleborgs	17	3	4	10	19	38	13

SWITZERLAND

July 21: Aarau 1 Servette 1; Neuchatel Xamax 3 St Gallen 0; Grasshopper 6 Lucerne 0.
July 22: Young Boys 1 Zurich 1.
July 27: Lucerne 0 Young Boys 4.
July 28: St Gallen 1 Aarau 1; Servette 1 Lugano 0; Sion 2 Grasshopper 1; Zurich 2 Basle 0.
Aug 4: Aarau 2 Zurich 3; Grasshopper 6 St Gallen 1; Lucerne 1 Servette 1; Neuchatel Xamax 1 Basle 0; Young Boys 3 Sion 2.
Aug 8: Lugano 2 Lausanne 1.
Aug 11: Basle 3 Young Boys 1; Servette 1 Grasshopper 1; Lausanne 0 Aarau 3; Sion 3 Lucerne 1; Zurich 1 Neuchatel Xamax 1.
Aug 12: St Gallen 0 Lugano 1.

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zurich	7	4	3	0	13	7	15
Sion	7	4	1	2	16	7	13
Lugano	7	4	1	2	11	8	13
Young Boys	7	3	3	1	14	10	12
Grasshopper	7	3	2	2	19	10	11
Aarau	7	3	2	2	11	8	11
Neuchatel Xamax	6	2	3	1	5	3	9
Servette	7	2	3	2	7	8	9
Basle	6	2	1	3	10	16	7
St Gallen	7	1	2	4	10	17	5
Lucerne	7	0	2	5	5	19	2
Lausanne	5	0	1	4	4	12	1

TURKEY

Aug 10: Besiktas 1 Trabzonspor 2.
Aug 11: Genclerbirligi 4 Diyarbakirspor 4; Fenerbahce 3 Samsunspor 0; Goztepe 2 Bursaspor 0; Rizespor 0 Kocaelispor 0.
Aug 12: Istanbulspor 1 Malatyaspor 0; Antalyaspor 1 Ankaragucu 8; Denizlispor 5 Yozgatspor 0; Gaziantepspor 1 Galatasaray 1.

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ankaragucu	1	1	0	0	8	1	3
Denizlispor	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Fenerbahce	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Goztepe	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Trabzonspor	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Istanbulspor	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Diyarbakirspor	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Genclerbirligi	1	0	1	0	4	4	1
Galatasaray	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Gaziantepspor	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Kocaelispor	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rizespor	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Besiktas	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Malatyaspor	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Bursaspor	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Samsunspor	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Yozgatspor	1	0	0	1	0	5	0
Antalyaspor	1	0	0	1	1	8	0

UKRAINE

July 20: Shakhtar 2 Poligraftekhnika 1.
July 21: Dnipro 0 Dynamo 0; Metalurh M 3 Zakarpattya 0; Metalurh Z 0 Kryvbas 0; Metalist 0 Karpaty 0; CSKA 0 Metalurh D 1.
July 28: Dynamo 1 Metalurh M 0; Zakarpattya 2 Tavriya 2; Vorskla 0 Metalurh Z 1; Kryvbas 4 Metalist 1; Karpaty 1 CSKA 0; Poligraftekhnika 1 Metalurh D 0.
Aug 4: Metalurh M 0 Shakhtar 2; Metalurh Z 4 Zakarpattya 1; Metalist 2 Vorskla 0; CSKA 3 Kryvbas 0; Metalurh D 0 Karpaty 0.
Aug 5: Dnipro 0 Poligraftekhnika 0.
Aug 12: Dnipro 3 Metalurh M 1; Zakarpattya 3 Metalist 5; Kryvbas 1 Metalurh D 3; Poligraftekhnika 1 Karpaty 1; Shakhtar 2 Tavriya 1; Dynamo 1 Metalurh Z 0.

UKRAINE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Metalurh D	6	4	1	1	12	2	13
Shakhtar	5	4	1	0	13	5	13
Dynamo	5	3	2	0	9	2	11
Metalist	6	3	1	2	10	13	10
Dnipro	5	2	3	0	5	2	9
Karpaty	6	2	3	1	4	5	9
Poligraftekhnika	6	2	2	2	4	8	8
Metalurh M	6	2	1	3	6	7	7
Metalurh Z	6	2	1	3	6	7	7
Kryvbas	5	1	2	2	6	8	5
Tavriya	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
CSKA	5	1	0	4	4	5	3
Zakarpattya	6	0	2	4	7	19	2
Vorskla	4	0	0	4	1	6	0

SOUTH AMERICA

BOLIVIA

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

July 31: The Strongest 5 Real Potosi 1.
Aug 1: Blooming 1 Santa Cruz 0; Iberoamericana 5 Union Central 2; Guabira 1 Oriente 1; Independiente 0 Bolivar 3; Jorge Wilstermann 1 Mariscal Braun 2.
Aug 4: Iberoamericana 3 Guabira 1; Santa Cruz 1 Mariscal Braun 0.
Aug 5: Blooming 2 Independiente 3; Bolivar 4 Jorge Wilstermann 1; Real Potosi 3 Oriente 0; Union Central 0 The Strongest 1.
Aug 8: Guabira 4 Real Potosi 0; Independiente 0 Santa Cruz 0; Mariscal Braun 3 Bolivar 3; Oriente 6 Union Central 1; The Strongest 0 Iberoamericana 0; Jorge Wilstermann 2 Blooming 1.

WORLDSERVICE

BOLIVIA: CLOSING – GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolivar	3	2	1	0	10	4	7
Mariscal Braun	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Santa Cruz	3	1	1	1	1	1	4
Independiente	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
Blooming	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
J Wilstermann	3	1	0	2	4	7	3

BOLIVIA: CLOSING – GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Iberoamericana	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
The Strongest	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Oriente	3	1	1	1	7	5	4
Guabira	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
Real Potosi	3	1	0	2	4	9	3
Union Central	3	0	0	3	3	12	0

Top four from each group qualify for second stage

BRAZIL

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Aug 1: Guarani 1 Palmeiras 3; Botafogo (Rio) 1 America MG 1; Portuguesa 0 Goias 1; Flamengo 0 Ponte Preta 0; Corinthians 2 Vitoria 0; Parana 1 Cruzeiro 0; Internacional 0 Juventude 2; Sport Recife 1 Fluminense 1; Bahia 5 Sao Caetano 0; Botafogo SP 2 Sao Paulo 2; Gama 0 Vasco da Gama 0; Atletico Mineiro 1 Coritiba 1.
Aug 2: Santos 1 Santa Cruz 1; Atletico Paranaense 2 Gremio 0.
Aug 4: Palmeiras 2 Bahia 1; Fluminense 2 Botafogo SP 0; America MG 0 Portuguesa 0; Juventude 1 Atletico Mineiro 4.
Aug 5: Ponte Preta 2 Corinthians 2; Vasco da Gama 7 Guarani 1; Sao Paulo 0 Gama 0; Cruzeiro 1 Atletico Paranaense 2; Coritiba 3 Internacional 2; Gremio 2 Parana 1; Santa Cruz 0 Botafogo (Rio) 4; Vitoria 1 Santos 1; Sao Caetano 2 Sport Recife 0; Goias 2 Flamengo 0.
Aug 8: Juventude 0 Palmeiras 0; Coritiba 1 Vasco da Gama 0; Vitoria 2 Sao Paulo 1; Corinthians 3 Botafogo SP 2; Cruzeiro 0 Ponte Preta 0; Gremio 0 Goias 0; Santa Cruz 1 Internacional 2; Flamengo 0 Parana 1; Gama 1 Santos 1; Sao Caetano 0 Atletico Paranaense 0.
Aug 9: Botafogo (Rio) 3 Bahia 2; Guarani 1 Fluminense 1; Portuguesa 2 Sport Recife 1; America MG 0 Atletico Mineiro 1.
Aug 11: Vasco da Gama 1 Juventude 1; Sao Paulo 3 Santa Cruz 1; Atletico Paranaense 4 Flamengo 0; Botafogo SP 1 Cruzeiro 4.
Aug 12: Parana 3 Corinthians 1; Ponte Preta 3 Botafogo (Rio) 1; Fluminense 1 Vitoria 1; Atletico Mineiro 3 Guarani 0; Internacional 2 Gama 0; Sport Recife 2 Gremio 1; Bahia 2 Portuguesa 1; Goias 0 Sao Caetano 0; Santos 2 Coritiba 0; Palmeiras 3 America MG 1.

BRAZIL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
At Mineiro	4	3	1	0	9	2	10
At Paranaense	4	3	1	0	8	1	10
Palmeiras	4	3	1	0	8	3	10
Parana	4	3	0	1	6	3	9
Goias	4	2	2	0	3	0	8
Botafogo (Rio)	4	2	1	1	9	6	7
Corinthians	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Coritiba	4	2	1	1	5	5	7
Bahia	4	2	0	2	10	6	6
Internacional	4	2	0	2	6	6	6
Fluminense	4	1	3	0	5	3	6
Ponte Preta	4	1	3	0	5	3	6
Santos	4	1	3	0	4	2	6
Vasco da Gama	4	1	2	1	8	3	5
Sao Paulo	4	1	2	1	6	5	5
Juventude	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
Vitoria	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
Sao Caetano	4	1	2	1	2	5	5
Cruzeiro	4	1	1	2	5	4	4
Portuguesa	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Sport Recife	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Gremio	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
Gama	4	0	3	1	1	3	3
America MG	4	0	2	2	2	5	2
Botafogo SP	4	0	1	3	5	11	1
Santa Cruz	4	0	1	3	3	10	1
Flamengo	4	0	1	3	0	7	1
Guarani	4	0	1	3	3	14	1

Top eight qualify for knockout stages

CHILE

Aug 4: U Catolica 2 Audax Italiano 0; Puerto Montt 3 Colo Colo 2.
Aug 5: U de Chile 0 Coquimbo Unido 2; Cobreloa 1 San Felipe 0; Rangers 1 Dep Concepcion 2; Huachipato 4 Santiago Morning 1; Palestino 2 Union Espanola 2; Santiago Wanderers 2 O'Higgins 1.

CHILE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
U de Chile	16	10	4	2	32	15	34
Sant Wanderers	16	9	4	3	27	15	31
Colo Colo	16	8	5	3	30	18	29
Cobreloa	16	8	5	3	22	12	29
Palestino	16	8	2	6	22	24	26
U Catolica	16	7	4	5	27	19	25
Dep Concepcion	16	7	3	6	22	21	24
Coquimbo Unido	16	7	3	6	17	19	24
San Felipe	16	6	5	5	22	19	23
Union Espanola	16	6	5	5	30	33	23
Huachipato	16	5	6	5	29	22	21
Rangers	16	4	6	6	21	21	18
Audax Italiano	16	5	1	10	13	21	16
Puerto Montt	16	3	4	9	16	33	13
O'Higgins	16	3	2	11	18	38	11
Sant Morning	16	1	3	12	20	38	6

COLOMBIA

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Aug 5: Indep Santa Fe 3 Dep Cali 1; America 0 Millonarios 1; Tolima 2 Dep Pasto 0; Once Caldas 4 Envigado 1; Bucaramanga 0 Pereira 0; At Nacional 1 Real Cartagena 1; Tulua 1 At Huila 1.
Aug 12: Envigado 2 At Junior 1; Millonarios 1 Tolima 1; Dep Cali 2 America 1; Pereira 0 Once Caldas 1; Real Cartagena 0 Bucaramanga 0; Dep Pasto 2 Tulua 1; At Huila 3 Indep Santa Fe 2.

COLOMBIA – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Once Caldas	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Tolima	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
At Huila	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Millonarios	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Indep Santa Fe	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Dep Cali	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Dep Pasto	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Envigado	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Real Cartagena	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Bucaramanga	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
At Nacional	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Tulua	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Pereira	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Indep Medellin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
At Junior	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
America	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

ECUADOR

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Aug 1: Espoli 4 LDU Portoviejo 1; Dep Quito 2 Macara 1; Delfin 1 El Nacional 2; Olmedo 2 Emelec 1.
Aug 3: Barcelona 2 Aucas 1.
Aug 5: El Nacional 2 Barcelona 1; Aucas 1 Delfin 0; Macara 1 Espoli 1; LDU Portoviejo 0 Olmedo 1; Emelec 1 Dep Quito 0.

ECUADOR – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
El Nacional	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Olmedo	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Espoli	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Barcelona	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Aucas	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Dep Quito	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Emelec	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Macara	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Delfin	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
LDU Portoviejo	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

PARAGUAY

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

Aug 3: Olimpia 0 Cerro Cora 4.
Aug 5: Libertad 1 Cerro Porteno 1; Sportivo Luqueno 2 Colegiales 1; Sol de America 1 San Lorenzo 2; 12 de Octubre 1 Guarani 0.
Aug 8: Colegiales 0 Libertad 0.
Aug 9: Sol de America 1 Olimpia 0; Cerro Cora 2 12 de Octubre 1.
Aug 10: San Lorenzo 0 Cerro Porteno 1.
Aug 12: Guarani 1 Sportivo Luqueno 1.

PARAGUAY – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cerro Cora	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Sportivo Luqueno	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Cerro Porteno	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
12 de Octubre	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
San Lorenzo	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Sol de America	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Libertad	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Colegiales	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Guarani	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Olimpia	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

PERU

CLOSING CHAMPIONSHIP

July 28: Melgar 2 Juan Aurich 0; Alianza Lima 2 Dep Wanka 1; Sporting Cristal 4 Cienciano 0.
July 29: Alianza Atletico 0 Estudiantes 1.
July 30: Union Minas 1 Universitario 0.
Aug 1: Sport Boys 2 Coopsol Trujillo 1.
Aug 4: Universitario 1 Alianza Atletico 0.
Aug 5: Coopsol Trujillo 1 Melgar 4; Dep Wanka 1 Union Minas 0; Juan Aurich 0 Sport Boys 1; Cienciano 4 Alianza Lima 2; Estudiantes 1 Sporting Cristal 2.
Aug 11-12: Union Minas 2 Coopsol Trujillo 0; Melgar 1 Alianza Atletico 0; Cienciano 2 Sport Boys 0; Sporting Cristal 1 Alianza Lima 0; Juan Aurich 0 Dep Wanka 0; Universitario 1 Estudiantes 1.

PERU – CLOSING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melgar	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
Sporting Cristal	3	3	0	0	7	1	9
Union Minas	3	2	0	1	3	1	6
Cienciano	3	2	0	1	6	6	6
Sport Boys	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
Estudiantes	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Dep Wanka	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Universitario	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Alianza Lima	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Juan Aurich	3	0	1	2	0	3	1
Alianza Atletico	3	0	0	3	0	3	0
Coopsol Trujillo	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

URUGUAY

OPENING CHAMPIONSHIP

Aug 1: Wanderers 0 Danubio 2; Nacional 2 Fenix 1.
Aug 2: Bella Vista M 1 Defensor 2; Bella Vista P 0 Tacuarembo 0; Penarol 2 Juventud 0.
Aug 3: Danubio 1 Nacional 0.
Aug 4: Bella Vista M 2 Juventud 4; Tacuarembo 0 Wanderers 1; Defensor 4 Bella Vista P 1; Penarol 0 Fenix 0.

URUGUAY – OPENING

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Defensor	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Danubio	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Penarol	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Juventud	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Nacional	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Wanderers	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Fenix	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Tacuarembo	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Bella Vista P	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Bella Vista M	2	0	0	2	3	6	0

CENTRAL & NORTH AMERICA

MEXICO

WINTER LEAGUE

July 21: Toluca 3 Leon 1; Monterrey 1 Pumas UNAM 0; Atlante 1 Irapuato 0; Atletico Celaya 0 Cruz Azul 2; Puebla 1 Necaxa 1.
July 22: Guadalajara 1 La Piedad 1; Atletico Morelia 3 Tigres 1; Santos 3 Atlas 1; America 0 Pachuca 0.
July 28: Necaxa 2 Toluca 2; Atlas 2 Atlante 0; Tigres 2 America 0.
July 29: Pachuca 0 Puebla 3; Cruz Azul 2 Guadalajara 3; Pumas UNAM 5 Atletico Celaya 0; Irapuato 2 Atletico Morelia 4; La Piedad 1 Tecos UAG 1; Leon 1 Monterrey 0.
Aug 4: Monterrey 1 Necaxa 1; Puebla 0 Toluca 0; Atletico Celaya 2 Leon 1; Tecos UAG 1 Cruz Azul 2.
Aug 5: Guadalajara 2 Pumas UNAM 2; Pachuca 1 Tigres 0; Atletico Morelia 0 Atlas 3; Santos 6 La Piedad 4.
Aug 11: La Piedad 2 Atlante 2; Toluca 1 Monterrey 1; Tigres 2 Puebla 0; Atlas 0 America 2.
Aug 12: Pumas UNAM 1 Tecos UAG 2; Irapuato 0 Pachuca 1; Leon 1 Guadalajara 2; Necaxa 2 Atletico Celaya 2.
Aug 15: Atletico Morelia 2 La Piedad 2; Puebla 2 Monterrey 1; Atletico Celaya 0 Toluca 1; Pachuca 2 Atlas 1; Guadalajara 0 Necaxa 0; Tigres 2 Irapuato 0.

GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Guadalajara	5	2	3	0	8	6	9
Cruz Azul	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Atlas	5	2	0	3	7	7	6
Monterrey	5	1	2	2	4	5	5
Atletico Celaya	5	1	1	3	4	11	4

GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Toluca	5	2	3	0	7	4	9
Atletico Morelia	4	2	1	1	9	8	7
Santos	2	2	0	0	9	5	6
La Piedad	5	0	4	1	10	12	4
Irapuato	4	0	0	4	2	8	0

GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Necaxa	5	0	5	0	6	6	5
Tecos UAG	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
America	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Atlante	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Leon	4	1	0	3	4	7	3

GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pachuca	5	3	1	1	4	4	10
Tigres	5	3	0	2	7	4	9
Puebla	5	2	2	1	6	4	8
Pumas UNAM	4	1	1	2	8	5	4

UNITED STATES

July 21: MetroStars 2 DC United 1; Tampa Bay Mutiny 1 Colorado Rapids 2; Miami Fusion 1 New England Revolution 1; Columbus Crew 2 San Jose Earthquakes 1; Chicago Fire 2 Dallas Burn 1.
July 29: Kansas City Wizards 2 New England Revolution 0.
Aug 1: Columbus Crew 3 Chicago Fire 0; DC United 2 Miami Fusion 2.
Aug 4: Colorado Rapids 1 Chicago Fire 1; Tampa Bay 2 San Jose Earthquakes 0; New England Revolution 5 Dallas Burn 1; MetroStars 2 Miami Fusion 1; Kansas City Wizards 1 Columbus Crew 3.
Aug 8: New England Revolution 1 San Jose Earthquakes 5.
Aug 11: San Jose Earthquakes 2 Columbus Crew 2; Los Angeles Galaxy 1 DC United 0; New England Revolution 1 Miami Fusion 4; Chicago Fire 3 Tampa Bay Mutiny 1; Dallas Burn 3 MetroStars 0.
Aug 12: Colorado Rapids 2 Kansas City Wizards 2.
Aug 15: DC United 1 MetroStars 2; Columbus Crew 3 Dallas Burn 0; Chicago Fire 1 Miami Fusion 2; Kansas City Wizards 1 Los Angeles Galaxy 2.

EASTERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Miami Fusion	23	14	5	4	48	30	47
MetroStars	22	11	3	8	31	32	36
New England	23	6	5	12	31	44	23
DC United	22	6	2	14	33	43	20

CENTRAL DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chicago Fire	22	12	4	6	41	26	40
Columbus Crew	21	10	6	5	40	30	36
Dallas Burn	22	8	4	10	38	39	28
Tampa Bay	22	4	1	17	27	53	13

WESTERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
San Jose	22	11	6	5	39	25	39
LA Galaxy	22	11	5	6	41	30	38
Kansas City	23	9	3	11	29	35	30
Colorado Rapids	22	5	8	9	30	34	23

LEADING GOALSCORERS

15 Diego Serna (Miami Fusion)
13 John Spencer (Colorado Rapids)
12 Alex Pineda Chacon (Miami Fusion)
11 Abdul Thompson Conteh (DC United)

AFRICA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Quarter-final groups

Group A

Aug 11: Mamelodi Sundowns (SAf) 0 Esperance (Tun) 0; TP Mazembe (DRC) 1 Julius Berger (Nig) 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TP Mazembe	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Esperance	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mam. Sundowns	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Julius Berger	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Group B

Aug 12: Chabab Belouizdad (Alg) 1 ASEC Abidjan (IvC) 1; Petro Atletico (Ang) 1 Al Ahly (Egy) 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Al Ahly	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
ASEC Abidjan	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Chabab Bel.	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Petro Atletico	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

ASIA

ASIAN SUPER CUP

1st leg - Aug 4 - Suwon
Suwon Bluewings (SKo) 2 (Laktionnov 26, Cardoso 55)
Al Shabab (Sau) 2 (Alshehan 14, Hassi 86)
HT: 1-1

2nd leg - Aug 10 - Jeddah
Al Shabab 1 (Al-Wakhad 47)
Suwon Bluewings 2 (Seo Jung-won 48, 56)
HT: 0-0
Sent off: Kim Jin-woo (Suwon) 70min
Suwon 4-3 on agg

JAPAN

SECOND STAGE

Aug 11: Urawa Reds 1 Vissel Kobe 3; JEF United Ichihara 3 Tokyo Verdy 1969 1; FC Tokyo 2 Kashiwa Reysol 2; Kashima Antlers 2 Consadole Sapporo 1; Yokohama F Marinos 1 Avispa Fukuoka 0 (aet); Nagoya Grampus Eight 3 Gamba Osaka 2; Cerezo Osaka 2 Sanfrecce Hiroshima 6.

JAPAN – SECOND STAGE

	P	W1	W2	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sanfrecce H	1	1	0	0	0	6	2	3
JEF United	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	3
Vissel Kobe	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	3
Grampus Eight	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	3
Kashima Antlers	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	3
Yokohama FM	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Kashiwa Reysol	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
FC Tokyo	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
Jubilo Iwata	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shimizu S-Pulse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gamba Osaka	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
Consadole Sapp	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Avispa Fukuoka	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Tokyo Verdy 1969	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
Urawa Reds	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
Cerezo Osaka	1	0	0	0	1	2	6	0

W1 = win in 90mins – 3pts; W2 = win in extra time – 2pts; Draw = 1pt

2002 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Argentina at a stroll

ARGENTINA became the first South American country to book their place at the 2002 World Cup finals after beating Ecuador 2-0 in Quito in the latest round of qualifiers.

A long-range goal from Juan Veron and a Hernan Crespo penalty ensured Argentina's presence in Korea/Japan with four games to spare.

Brazil, recently in the doldrums, boosted their chances of filling one of the three remaining automatic qualifying berths when defeating Paraguay 2-0 in Porto Alegre. This result put them three points clear of fifth-placed Uruguay, whose 2-0 defeat away to lowly Venezuela was a major blow to their hopes of making the finals.

Latest results & standings

ASIA

SECOND ROUND

Group A

17.08.01.....Iraq-Thailand.....4-0
17.08.01.....Saudi Arabia-Bahrain.....1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Iraq	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Bahrain	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Saudi Arabia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thailand	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Group B

16.08.01.....Qatar-Oman.....0-0
17.08.01.....United Arab Emirates-Uzbekistan...4-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UAE	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Oman	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Qatar	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

The two group winners qualify directly for the finals. The two runners-up play-off home and away, the winners going on to meet a European group runner-up in a play-off. The winners of that tie also qualify for the finals.

EUROPE

Group 1

15.08.01.....Yugoslavia-Faroe Islands.....2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Russia	7	5	2	0	10	3	17
Slovenia	7	3	4	0	11	7	13
Yugoslavia	7	3	3	1	13	4	12
Switzerland	7	3	2	2	14	6	11
Faroe Islands	7	1	1	5	5	17	4
Luxembourg	7	0	0	7	2	18	0

Group 2

15.08.01.....Estonia-Cyprus.....2-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rep of Ireland	8	5	3	0	18	5	18
Portugal	7	4	3	0	18	5	15
Holland	7	4	2	1	21	8	14
Estonia	8	2	2	4	10	16	8
Cyprus	8	2	2	4	12	24	8
Andorra	8	0	0	8	4	25	0

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	7	4	3	0	13	5	15
Czech Republic	7	4	2	1	10	3	14
Bulgaria	7	4	2	1	12	7	14
Iceland	7	3	1	3	11	10	10
Northern Ireland	7	1	1	5	6	11	4
Malta	7	0	1	6	2	18	1

Group 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	7	5	2	0	13	1	17
Turkey	7	4	3	0	13	6	15
Slovakia	7	3	2	2	7	6	11
Macedonia	7	1	3	3	9	10	6
Azerbaijan	7	1	1	5	3	11	4
Moldova	7	0	3	4	2	13	3

Group 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	7	5	2	0	16	6	17
Belarus	7	3	3	1	8	7	12
Ukraine	7	2	4	1	7	7	10
Wales	7	0	5	2	7	9	5
Norway	7	0	4	3	5	8	4
Armenia	7	0	4	3	6	12	4

Group 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	6	4	2	0	23	5	14
Croatia	5	3	2	0	10	2	11
Scotland	5	3	2	0	10	3	11
Latvia	7	1	1	5	4	14	4
San Marino	7	0	1	6	3	26	1

Group 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	4	2	0	15	4	14
Austria	5	3	2	0	7	3	11
Israel	6	3	1	2	10	6	10
Bosnia-Herz	5	1	1	3	7	10	4
Liechtenstein	6	0	0	6	0	16	0

Group 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	6	5	1	0	15	3	16
Romania	6	4	0	2	7	6	12
Hungary	5	2	2	1	13	7	8
Georgia	5	1	0	4	6	10	3
Lithuania	6	0	1	5	3	18	1

Group 9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	6	5	1	0	13	5	16
England	5	3	1	1	7	3	10
Greece	6	2	0	4	4	10	6
Finland	5	1	2	2	5	6	5
Albania	6	1	0	5	5	10	3

Group winners qualify automatically for the finals. The nine group runners-up and the third-placed Asian team will be drawn in five head-to-head ties, the winners of which also qualify for the finals.

THE FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION

FINAL ROUND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Costa Rica	6	4	1	1	12	7	13
United States	6	4	1	1	7	2	13
Honduras	6	2	2	2	13	11	8
Jamaica	6	2	2	2	5	8	8
Mexico	6	2	1	3	8	8	7
Trinidad & Tob	6	0	1	5	4	13	1

The top three qualify for the finals.

OCEANIA

Australia play-off against the fifth-placed South American team for a place in the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

14.08.01 .....Chile-Bolivia.....2-2
14.08.01 .....Venezuela-Uruguay.....2-0
15.08.01 .....Brazil-Paraguay.....2-0
15.08.01 .....Ecuador-Argentina.....0-2
16.08.01 .....Colombia-Peru.....0-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	14	11	2	1	35	11	35
Paraguay	14	8	2	4	21	13	26
Ecuador	14	8	1	5	17	18	25
Brazil	14	7	3	4	24	12	24
Uruguay	14	6	3	5	14	10	21
Colombia	14	5	4	5	12	13	19
Peru	14	4	3	7	13	17	15
Bolivia	14	3	5	6	15	21	14
Chile	14	3	2	9	14	20	11
Venezuela	14	2	1	11	10	40	7

The top four teams qualify automatically for the finals. The fifth-placed team play off against Australia for a place in the finals.

Final standings

AFRICA

SECOND ROUND

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cameroon	8	6	1	1	14	4	19
Angola	8	3	4	1	11	9	13
Zambia	8	3	2	3	14	11	11
Togo	8	2	3	3	10	13	9
Libya	8	0	2	6	7	19	2

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	8	5	1	2	15	3	16
Liberia	8	5	0	3	10	8	15
Sudan	8	4	0	4	8	10	12
Ghana	8	3	2	3	10	9	11
Sierra Leone	8	1	1	6	2	15	4

Group C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Senegal	8	4	3	1	14	2	15
Morocco	8	4	3	1	8	3	15
Egypt	8	3	4	1	16	7	13
Algeria	8	2	2	4	11	14	8
Namibia	8	0	2	6	3	26	2

Group D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	8	6	2	0	23	4	20
Ivory Coast	8	4	3	1	18	8	15
DR Congo	8	3	1	4	7	16	10
Madagascar	8	2	0	6	5	15	6
Congo	8	1	2	5	5	15	5

Group E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Africa	6	5	1	0	10	3	16
Zimbabwe	6	4	0	2	7	5	12
Burkina Faso	6	1	2	3	7	8	5
Malawi	6	0	1	5	4	12	1

Guinea expelled; results expunged

The five group winners qualify for the finals.

NANTES

Carry on, Canari style

The French champions face a major challenge, writes Nick Bidwell

THE last time Nantes played in this competition, in 1995-96, they came through with flying colours, going all the way to the semi-finals before losing 4-3 on aggregate to Juventus. But even the most diehard fans of the French champions will not be contemplating similar progress this time around.

There's no doubt about the *Canaris'* strong teamwork and attacking elan; Raynald Denoueix's men will always pose problems with their trademark one-touch play and outstanding movement off the ball. However, their Achilles heel is a certain defensive fragility, and the fact they lost eight games en route to the French title last season says it all. Not surprisingly, there were rumours this summer that Nantes were looking to sign a centre-back but nothing came of it.

Nonetheless, there was still much for the *Nantais* to be pleased about during the close season. It is customary for them to be pillaged after a championship-winning campaign, but apart from the departure to Rennes of forward Olivier Monterrubio, the widely-announced exodus did not materialise.

Keeper and club captain Mickael Landreau, midfielder Frederic Da Rocha and current French Footballer of the Year Eric Carriere did not, after all, move on, and the latter's decision to stay for another season is a particular boost. The playmaker, the best passer of the ball in the country, deservedly won his first French cap at the Confederations Cup.

Nantes have recruited judiciously too. Ex-Sedan star Olivier Quint is an exceptional left-sided midfielder, a combustible mixture of wing-craft, creativity and shooting power, while the physical presence of Pierre-Yves Andre, signed from Bastia, should give another dimension to a front line often accused of being too lightweight.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Landreau **2** Laspalles **3** Fabbri **4** Gillet **5** Armand **6** Berson **7** Ziani **8** Carriere **9** Quint **10** Moldovan **11** Andre

Denoueix swears by a fluid 4-1-3-2 formation and a slick, short-passing game. The full-backs play an extensive part in the construction of attacks; Nicolas Gillet is the archetypal stopper; alongside him the experienced Argentinian Nestor Fabbri commands the back four; and Mathieu Berson sweeps in front of the defence. Stephane Ziani and Carriere share the playmaking duties, though the more forceful Da Rocha could come in for Ziani if more right-sided penetration is required. Quint is used virtually as a left-winger, while wily Romanian goal-poacher Viorel Moldovan and the more mobile Andre are the favourites to spearhead the attack. Also in the frame is teenage right-winger Wilfried Dalmat, the younger brother of Internazionale midfielder Stephane.

WHAT THEY SAY

RAYNALD DENOUEIX

"The accent here has always been put on team play. We must not move away from it, otherwise we'll have problems. For a club of the limited resources of Nantes, the only future we have is one built on finding and rearing our own talent. Our kids have made their mark in France and now they are eager to test themselves against the best in the Champions League."

Goal-poacher...Viorel Moldovan

OLYMPIAKOS

First Greece, now Europe

Lou Economopoulos on the club's concerted effort to win the biggest prize

AFTER winning five consecutive Greek League titles, Olympiakos have set their sights firmly on success in the Champions League.

With that in mind, club president Socrates Kokkalis dug deep this summer to fund the purchase of French midfielder Christian Karembeu, Colombian defender Jorge Bermudez and Greek national team defender Stelios Venetidis.

The arrival of such high-profile talent has led Athens sportswriters to dub Olympiakos the 'dream team', but coach Takis Lemonis refuses to get carried away.

Even so, he says he is pleased with the work done so far and with the determination of the players, who, despite the various nationalities, have gelled together well.

The new signings are intended to help Olympiakos mount successful campaigns on two fronts. Last season, they won the Greek title at a stroll, finishing 12 points clear of Panathinaikos, but went out of the Champions League at the first group stage, finishing below Valencia and Lyon.

Bermudez, fresh from his success as captain of Libertadores Cup-winners Boca Juniors, Karembeu (Middlesbrough) and Venetidis (PAOK) join established foreign stars Giovanni, Ze Elias and Predrag Djordjevic.

Brazilian forward Giovanni did not have a very productive time last season but has taken new heart from the influx of top-quality talent and has been showing improved form in training.

The main departure over the summer was that of Greek international wing-back Grigoris Georgatos for a second spell with Internazionale, for whom he played during the 1999-2000 season. Venetidis is a straight replacement.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Eleftheropoulos **2** Mavrogenidis **3** Anatolakis **4** Bermudez **5** Venetidis **6** Giannakopoulos **7** Karembeu **8** Ze Elias **9** Djordjevic **10** Niniadis **11** Giovanni

Lemonis has a squad of 28 to choose from, and given that some players can play comfortably in two or three positions, competition will be tough. New signings Bermudez (centre-back), Venetidis (left-back) and Karembeu (defensive central midfield) are all expected to start in a 4-4-2 line-up.

WHAT THEY SAY

CHRISTIAN KAREMBEU

"The fact that Olympiakos are in the Champions League was the main reason I joined them. The president wants to do everything possible to make the club the first ever Greek European champions."

In control...Georgios Anatolakis will partner Bermudez in central defence

PANATHINAIKOS

Plenty to worry about

The Greeks' pre-season has been far from ideal, writes Lou Economopoulos

PANATHINAIKOS have added considerable strength to their squad this summer, bringing in Cypriot international forward Michalis Constantinou, Finnish winger Joonas Kolkka and his Danish counterpart Jan Michaelsen.

But there were some worrying aspects about the club's pre-season preparations. Panathinaikos ended their tough 20-day training camp in Italy with a 3-0 friendly defeat by Lazio. Worse was that captain Ioannis Goumas fractured a bone in his right foot during the game and will be sidelined for two months.

His absence will considerably weaken the defence, while it will inevitably take time for the new midfield signings to gel with their team-mates. Kolkka and Michaelsen have both shown promise in pre-season, but the much tougher European games will come thick and fast.

Coach Yiannis Kyrastas can at least be happy that Constantinou's arrival will considerably boost the team's firepower. The Cypriot hit 41 League goals in his last two seasons at Iraklis, finishing joint third and then second in the national scoring charts. Such consistency would seem to justify his price-tag of £8million, a Greek domestic record.

Kyrastas has said that it is a positive point for him this season that he has a strong bench and that the players are fighting for starting positions.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Nikopolidis **2** Saric **3** Vokolos (Goumas) **4** Henriksen **5** Fissas **6** Michaelsen **7** Limberopoulos **8** Basinas **9** Kolkka **10** Olisadebe **11** Constantinou

Kyrastas is likely to use a 4-4-2 system, with Antonios Nikopolidis the first-choice keeper behind a central defensive pairing of Leonidas Vokolos – while Goumas is sidelined – and Dane Rene Henriksen. Croat Danijel Saric and Panagiotis Fissas take the full-back berths. Nikos Limberopoulos is likely to be used behind forwards Emmanuel Olisadebe and Constantinou, but he is more than capable of playing up front, with Giorgios Karagounis filling the midfield berth.

WHAT THEY SAY

YIANNIS KYRASTAS
"Panathinaikos' first goal this season is the Greek championship and not the Champions League."

Panathinaikos party piece...Fissas gets a headlock on scorer Karagounis

PARMA

Outside bet at best

The Italians lack experience after summer departures, says Paddy Agnew

AS winners of two UEFA Cups, one Cup-winners Cup and two Italian Cups in the 1990s, Parma have a remarkably successful record in knockout competitions in the 11 seasons since they first gained promotion to Serie A in 1990.

Yet the departure this summer of French defender Lilian Thuram, goalkeeper Gigi Buffon (both to Juventus), Portuguese winger Sergio Conceicao (Inter) and Brazilian striker Marcio Amoroso (Borussia Dortmund) would suggest that Parma, ironically, will be short of experience in Europe. Of the four Italian qualifiers for the Champions League this term (Roma, Juventus and Lazio are the other three), Parma started out as the outsiders.

Gritty coach Renzo Ulivieri, in charge of a top-flight team for the first time in a long career, will be keen to make the most of his opportunity on the continental stage, but he may concentrate more of his firepower on Serie A than on the European campaign. Inexperience at both coaching and playing level may tell.

WHAT THEY SAY

HIDETOSHI NAKATA
"It is difficult to express a preference between the Champions League and the Serie A title race. All I can say about the Champions League is that if we play as well as we can and should, then we'll have no problems."

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Frey **2** Djetou **3** Sensini **4** F Cannavaro **5** Bachini **6** Almeyda **7** Lamouchi **8** Junior **9** Nakata **10** Milosevic **11** Di Vaio

Lining up in a 3-4-1-2 formation, much of the Parma play will revolve around their main summer purchase, Japanese midfielder Hidetoshi Nakata. His playmaking skills will be supplemented by Frenchman Sabri Lamouchi and Argentinian Matias Almeyda, while he will be expected to lay on the goalscoring ammunition for two useful strikers in Marco Di Vaio and Savo Milosevic. French keeper Sebastien Frey (from Inter) and compatriot Martin Djetou (Monaco) will complement established defenders Fabio Cannavaro and Roberto Sensini.

Pressing game...Savo Milosevic is mobbed after scoring against Fiorentina

FC PORTO

Making do without Mario

Nick Bidwell on why Jardel's non-return is not as bad as it seems

AFTER having their hopes raised, fans at FC Porto have to get used to the idea that former goalscoring favourite Mario Jardel will not be coming back.

It had been reported that the Brazilian's employers at Galatasaray had accepted a £12million offer – a deal including players going the other way – from Porto for the forward. But late in the day, a snag emerged. Galatasaray decided they wanted a cash-only deal, and Porto reluctantly pulled out.

While the Portuguese were disappointed not to land the free-scoring Jardel, they can console themselves with the thought that they already have a talented Brazilian striker in Pena, who notched 22 goals last season.

Indeed, some might argue that the more mobile and team-spirited Pena offers more than poacher supreme Jardel.

However, one old boy has been back-tracking to Porto. Coach Octavio Machado, who replaced Fernando Santos this summer, is already familiar with the set-up at Das Antas stadium, having served the club as a player and assistant coach; he was an influential member of Artur Jorge's backroom staff when Porto won the 1987 Champions Cup.

The appointment of Machado has met with much good press, and the consensus of opinion is that he has every chance of lifting Porto out of their 'slump' of the past two seasons – a pair of championship runners-up spots is considered failure at the usually all-conquering club. The new coach is strong enough to handle star players, is good tactically and likes his team to attack.

Machado has a large corps of talented new faces to work with, and the likes of Argentinian right-back Hugo Ibarra (ex-Boca Juniors), Portuguese utility man Costinha (Monaco), Swedish midfielder Fredrik Soderstrom (Guimaraes), left-back Mario Silva (Nantes) and promising young attacker Paulo Costa (Reggina) all have the ability to play a part in the hoped-for Porto fightback.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Ovchinnikov 2 Ibarra 3 Jorge Costa 4 Jorge Andrade 5 Costinha 6 Paredes 7 Soderstrom 8 Deco 9 Capucho 10 Pena 11 Clayton

Machado will invariably go with 4-3-3 and likes his team to press, keep a high tempo and play with a lot of width. Because of Vitor Baia's long-standing knee injury, the Russian Sergei Ovchinnikov should be between the posts, though Pedro Espinha may have a chance to step in. Ibarra will take over at right-back from Secretario, while Zaragoza-bound left-back Esquerdinha will be replaced by either Costinha, Mario Silva or Rubens Junior. Jorge Costa and Jorge Andrade mind the heart of the back line, protected by a defensive midfield screen formed by two from Carlos Paredes, Soderstrom, Paulinho Santos, Miran Pavlin and Quintana. Deco will play in the 'hole' and pacy wide men Capucho and Clayton will seek to hit the byline as quickly and often as possible. Pena is the spearhead; waiting for their chance will be attacking substitutes Candido Costa, Croatia's Silvio Maric, Rafael and on-loan Argentinian Juan Esnaider.

WHAT THEY SAY

OCTAVIO MACHADO
"FC Porto will always want to be the best or the strongest. As always, this club must win. Ambition is not optional here."

One for the hole...Deco

PSV EINDHOVEN

Stepping up a gear

The second group phase is the target for the Dutchmen, says Klaas-Jan Droppert

AFTER winning two consecutive Dutch League titles with relative ease, PSV Eindhoven now have their minds set on Champions League success.

Last year the club were eliminated twice from European competition in disappointing fashion. First, two defeats by Anderlecht meant they exited the Champions League after the first group stage. Then Kaiserslautern stopped them reaching the UEFA Cup semi-finals.

Now PSV's main goal is to reach the second group phase of the Champions League. Although key player Ruud Van Nistelrooy signed for Manchester United over the summer, that is still a realistic goal. Kevin Hofland, Marc Van Bommel and Mateja Kezman are young players but have already gained much valuable international experience.

PSV's biggest advantage is that, apart from the arrival of Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink as a replacement for Van Nistelrooy, the team is a settled one.

This will probably be the last chance for the current talented team to make a mark in Europe, because many of them will move abroad next season. It will also be a last chance for Belgian coach Eric Gerets, who lifted the European Cup as PSV's skipper back in 1988. He will either accept a director's job at PSV or leave for a coaching role at another club at the end of 2001-02.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Waterreus 2 Ooijer 3 Nikiforov 4 Hofland 5 Bouma 6 Vogel 7 Rommedahl 8 Van Bommel 9 Ramzi 10 Kezman 11 Vennegoor of Hesselink

PSV will play a 4-4-2 system with Vennegoor of Hesselink as the target man. Either Kezman or Arnold Bruggink will partner him up front. In midfield, Van Bommel has an attacking role, while Johann Vogel carries out the defensive duties.

WHAT THEY SAY

HARRY VAN RAAIJ, PSV CHAIRMAN
"We're not allowed to say that reaching the second round of the Champions League would be nice. No, it's about time that we said we will make it."

Target man...Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink

RANGERS

Old firm, new look

Alan Fairley on the summer changes at Ibrox

LAST SEASON proved a major disappointment for Rangers. Edged out by city rivals Celtic in every domestic competition, the Ibrox club also failed, yet again, to make an impact on the Champions League stage.

Despite impressive victories over Sturm Graz and Monaco, Dick Advocaat's men failed to secure the results necessary to progress to the second group stage, and the consolation of a UEFA Cup spot was nullified by a comprehensive defeat at the hands of Kaiserslautern.

Having enjoyed treble-winning success in his first season at Rangers, Advocaat licked his wounds over the summer and, after a mini clear-out which involved the departure of Giovanni Van Bronckhorst, Tugay Kerimoglu, Jorg Albertz and Rod Wallace, the Dutchman drafted in three experienced internationals in Christian Nerlinger, Russell Latapy and Claudio Caniggia. Remarkably, all three scored in Rangers' opening day League victory over Aberdeen and their contribution was evident as they helped their new team to sweep aside the challenge of Slovenians Maribor in the second qualifying round of the Champions League.

There was a steely resolve about new-look Rangers as they prepared for a daunting tie with Fenerbahce.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Klos **2** Moore **3** Vidmar **4** Numan **5** Ricksen **6** Nerlinger **7** Reyna **8** Ferguson **9** Latapy **10** Flo **11** Caniggia

Lorenzo Amoruso was injured against Maribor so Advocaat may switch to a 3-5-2 formation, with Neil McCann on hand in midfield to offer width when required. Caniggia will be partnered up front by Michael Mols, Tore Andre Flo or Kenny Miller.

WHAT THEY SAY

DICK ADVOCAAT

"Before I came here, everyone was laughing at Rangers' efforts in Europe, but the team's record has been excellent since I arrived."

Still full of tricks...Claudio Caniggia bursts through against Maribor

REAL MADRID

The fear factor

Who will dare challenge the Spanish champions, asks Gavin Hamilton

REAL MADRID coach Vicente Del Bosque has spent much of the time since his club's world-record signing of Zinedine Zidane talking down his team's chances.

"Everyone is saying we are the best team in the world, but we know we have to do a lot more before that is the case," Del Bosque said.

"We have a lot of rivals who might want to have a say in the matter, so we have to keep our feet on the ground. As soon as the players become too confident it is dangerous.

"I really think that other teams will be rubbing their hands with glee when they see everything that has been written about us. I know that if I was preparing a team to play Real, I would be thinking: 'Great, they are supposed to be the best in the world, so let's go out there and beat them.' "

Nevertheless, the fear factor will loom large whenever teams prepare to meet the Spanish champions.

The prospect of facing an attacking quintet of Zidane, Figo, Raul, Morientes and Savio will be enough to force even the most attack-minded teams back into their defensive shells. The fact that serious questions need to be asked about Real's defence – or rather whether the £47million outlay on Zidane would have been better spent on Lilian Thuram and Manuel Pablo – is probably irrelevant. Few teams are likely to get close enough to Real's defence to pose those questions.

The attacking armoury at Del Bosque's disposal is enough to make his rivals weep. As well as the above five, there are Steve McManaman, Pedro Munitis, Guti and Roberto Carlos.

Two small doubts persist, though. Real lack a target man as cover for the injury-prone Morientes. Again, could the Zidane money have been better spent?

And, amid all the marketing hype that will inevitably surround Real's centenary celebrations, will they be able to keep their eyes on the main task in hand, on the pitch?

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Casillas **2** Michel Salgado **3** Hierro **4** Ivan Helguera **5** Roberto Carlos **6** Figo **7** Makelele **8** Zidane **9** Savio **10** Raul **11** Morientes

On paper, Real play a conventional 4-4-2. In practice, Zidane, Figo and Savio play as secondary attackers, leaving Claude Makelele as the lone defensive midfielder. In defence, doubts over Aitor Karanka as a partner for Fernando Hierro mean Ivan Helguera is likely to drop back from midfield. Roberto Carlos, with his trademark attacking surges, fills the left flank, while Michel Salgado will start the campaign at right-back, after failed attempts to sign Deportivo's Manuel Pablo and Inter's Javier Zanetti. McManaman, Guti, Flavio Conceicao, Geremi and Pedro Munitis provide options in midfield, but there is little cover for the strikers.

WHAT THEY SAY

VICENTE DEL BOSQUE

"I have been in the business a long time now and I know we are not just going to start sweeping teams away."

French master...Zidane

RED STAR BELGRADE

Testing times

Vladimir Novak on the challenge facing the Yugoslav champions

RED STAR BELGRADE are the most successful club in Yugoslav football, having won 22 League titles, 18 Yugoslav Cups, the European Cup and World Club Cup in 1991, as well as being UEFA Cup finalists in 1979.

That 1991 triumph, in the era of stars such as Robert Prosinecki and Dejan Savicevic, seems a dim and distant memory, however, for since the Champions Cup became the Champions League, Red Star's record has been poor.

Last year they were very close to reaching the group stages, but lost on away goals to Kyiv Dynamo (0-0 in Kyiv, 1-1 in Belgrade).

This term, Red Star overcame modest Cypriots Omonia Nicosia in the second qualifying round, but it was a struggle at times (1-1 in Cyprus, 2-1 in Belgrade). The only excuse was that the games were played before the new Yugoslav season kicked off on August 18.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Pjanovic **2** Jelic **3** Boskovic
4 Acimovic (Lerinc) **5** Gvozdenovic
6 Ilic **7** Markovic (Bratic) **8** Lalatovic
9 Glogovac (Vukomanovic)
10 Matijasevic **11** Randjelovic

Although head coach Slavoljub Muslin learned his trade in French soccer, he does not use that country's favoured back four zonal defence. Instead, he prefers a 3-5-2 formation, utilising a classic libero. In spite of the presence of fine technical players such as Under-21 international defender Branko Boskovic, Slovenian international Milenko Acimovic and defender Leo Lerinc, the key to Muslin's success is collective play.

WHAT THEY SAY

SLAVOLJUB MUSLIN
"Of course it is our major target just to qualify for the Champions League. But I am aware that this will be a hell of a job. One must be pragmatic – in the present circumstances of Yugoslav soccer, the qualification for the Champions League would be sort of an equal success of the generation with Savicevic, Mihajlovic, Prosinecki and the others from 1991. To expect more from us would be Utopia."

Slavoljub Muslin's team started the season in a weaker position than the last campaign. Captain Goran Bunjevcevic signed for Tottenham and striker Goran Drulic moved to Real Zaragoza, although he injured a knee almost immediately after arriving in Spain.

The only significant reinforcement was the late acquisition of defensive midfielder Vidak Bratic from PAOK Salonika. As a signal of intent, however, it was hardly the most ambitious signing.

Battling through...midfielder Nenad Lalatovic

ROMA

The history men

Capello's men are set to sacrifice Serie A for Euro glory, says Paddy Agnew

ARGUABLY, the greatest disappointment experienced by Roma came in the 1984 Champions Cup Final, lost in a penalty shoot-out to Liverpool in their own Olympic stadium in Rome.

That historical precedent is just one reason why they will mount a very serious Champions League challenge even, if necessary, at the expense of defending their Italian League title.

There is also their pragmatic concern that back-to-back League title success is an extremely prohibitive option, and though coach Fabio Capello will argue otherwise – especially early in the season – it could well be that, by next spring, all Roma's eggs will be in the Euro basket.

WHAT THEY SAY

FABIO CAPELLO
"At this stage, it would be an error to suggest a preference between the Champions League and the Serie A title. We're an excellent team and we're stronger than ever. As for the others, obviously Real Madrid will be strong, especially now that they have strengthened their attacking options with the purchase of Zidane. But you would also have to beware Manchester United. They pulled off two real nice touches in buying Veron and Van Nistelrooy. The Germans are always worrying, especially since they take a winter break that gives them extra freshness in the final stretch. Real Madrid, Manchester United, Juventus, Bayern Munich and ourselves – we're all on the same level."

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Pelizzoli **2** Zebina **3** Samuel **4** Zago
5 Cafu **6** Tommasi **7** Emerson **8** Candela
9 Totti **10** Batistuta **11** Montella/Delvecchio

Even if Capello has already talked of varying his tactical options this season, it is only reasonable to assume that the side will start off with the 3-4-1-2 line-up used so successfully last season. Argentinian Walter Samuel and Brazilian Zago anchor the defence, with Cafu and Candela wide in a midfield-cum-full-back role. Tommasi and Brazilian Emerson provide midfield backbone, while Totti, Batistuta et al finish off the business.

Even if some interesting newcomers have joined the squad – Ivory Coast defender Saliou Lassissi (Parma), talented young striker Antonio Cassano (Bari) and goalkeeper Ivan Pelizzoli (Atalanta) – the basic championship-winning team chassis remains unaltered.

Brazilian Cafu on the right, Frenchman Vincent Candela on the left, and ball-winner Damiano Tommasi in the centre can all be expected to create the platform from which playmaker captain Francesco Totti will supply his sharpshooters, Gabriel Batistuta, Vincenzo Montella and/or Marco Delvecchio.

Ball-winner...Damiano Tommasi

ROSENBORG

Is the crown slipping?

Sigurd Odegaard on the problems facing the perennial Norwegian champions

ROSENBORG won their ninth successive Norwegian League title last year but are struggling to secure their 10th this season. A recent spell of seven matches in a row without a win and a Cup defeat by a Second Division side clearly proved that the giants of Norwegian football are in trouble.

Coach Nils Arne Eggen showed signs of anxiety as the qualifying round of the Champions League campaign approached. Despite the fact that Rosenborg's superior finances have allowed them to recruit 14 new players in 18 months to replace those who have left for foreign clubs, the winning formula seemed to have been lost.

In late July, however, Eggen's men were winning again, trouncing Bodo/Glimt 4-0 at home. It was their first victory for two months, not very typical for Rosenborg, but at least they had finally managed to stop their worst run of results for a decade.

It was no accident that Rosenborg started to win again. Creative midfielder Orjan Berg's return from injury was a key factor in their revival since he complements Bent Skammelsrud and Fredrik Winsnes perfectly.

A reshuffle in defence has forced Eggen to use Christer Basma as a central defender alongside Erik Hoftun, while Finn Janne Saarinen has proved a success at full-back.

Up front, Frode Johnsen has found it hard to score goals this season but he answered his critics by hitting two beauties against Bodo/Glimt. Nevertheless, the lack of firepower forced the club to turn to an old boy, Sigurd Rushfeldt, who was signed on four months' loan from Racing Santander just in time for the Champions League campaign.

Whatever his line-up, Eggen knows the side need more consistency in Europe if they are to make any impression. A 6-1 demolition of Swedish champions Helsingborgs in the opening group phase last season promised good things – but they were beaten 2-0 in Sweden three weeks later.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Arason **2** B I Johnsen **3** Basma **4** Hoftun **5** Saarinen **6** Skammelsrud **7** O Berg **8** Strand **9** Brattbakk **10** Enerly/George **11** F Johnsen/Rushfeldt

Rosenborg play attacking football in a 4-3-3 formation. Full-backs and wingers alternate in joining the attack, while the midfielders close down opponents quickly. In attack, coach Eggen must choose between Dagfinn Enerly and Christer George to play alongside Brattbakk and Johnsen or Rushfeldt.

WHAT THEY SAY

ASSISTANT COACH OLA BY RISE
"It is a myth that we have been so superior for the last decade. We have had a tough time recently but now I hope we go on to win the League again this season."

Tough choice...Christer George

SCHALKE

Good time on the Ruhr

The Germans are well prepared for their first campaign, says Nick Bidwell

GOOD times at Schalke. They have a brand new stadium, the Arena Auf Schalke, a £17million sponsorship deal with insurance company Victoria, turnover is expected to double this season to £48m and, to cap it all, they are about to make their bow in the Champions League.

Managing director Rudi Assauer has been seeking to play down expectations, stressing Schalke are not in the same bracket as Bayern Munich, Real Madrid, Manchester United, Roma and other continental big names. However, he may have a hard time curtailing the dreams of Schalke fans.

Four years ago a blood-and-guts Schalke side upset the form book by scrapping their way to victory in the UEFA Cup, but most would agree today's side are a much more accomplished outfit, boasting the sheer class of Ebbe Sand and Emile Mpenza in attack, left-sided midfielder Jorg Bohme and golden oldie playmaker Andy Moller.

A 'short' substitutes bench was arguably the principal reason why Schalke just lost out to Bayern Munich in last season's Bundesliga race. But Schalke have moved into the transfer market to remedy matters. Nigerian Victor Agali (ex-Hansa Rostock) will push Sand and Mpenza all the way, Argentinian defender Annibal Matellan (from Boca Juniors) can both tackle well and use the ball intelligently and Belgian internationals Sven Vermant (Club Brugge) and Marc Wilmots – back from an unhappy spell at Bordeaux – offer more alternatives in midfield. So, too, does veteran Sven Kmetsch, back after a long-term knee injury. But veteran libero or schemer Olaf Thon continues to be plagued with the Achilles problems that sidelined him for most of last season.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Reck **2** Hajto **3** Waldoch **4** Matellan **5** Asamoah **6** Oude Kamphuis **7** Van Hoogdalem **8** Bohme **9** Moller **10** Sand **11** Mpenza

Coach Huub Stevens favours a 3-4-1-2 set-up. Pole Tomasz Waldoch is the brains of the defensive trio, while new Argentinian signing Matellan should supplant Belgian Nico Van Kerckhoven on the left side of the rearguard. The central midfielders – two from Niels Oude Kamphuis, Marco Van Hoogdalem, Jiri Nemec and Kmetsch – mainly confine themselves to tackling and simple distribution, while out wide Gerald Asamoah and Bohme exist to attack. Moller is the creator-in-chief, with Vermant his probable understudy. Wilmots can play a number of midfield roles and may come into the equation when he recovers from an ankle operation later this autumn. Sand and Mpenza lead the line, but Agali will keep pushing for a place. Asamoah can line up in attack too.

WHAT THEY SAY

HUUB STEVENS
"To cope with the demands of the Champions League, we needed a better balanced squad and I think we have it now. We're in the Champions League for the first time and have a wonderful new stadium, one of the best in Europe. For the fans and players it's a fantastic thing. There's a great togetherness and harmony within the squad, but above all we are having success because the individual and collective mistake count is low."

Flank threat...Jorg Bohme

SHAKHTAR DONETSK

Ambitious outlook

The Ukrainians are improving all the time, writes Oleg Zadernovsky

SHAKHTAR'S ambitious president, Rinat Akhmetov, made no bones about his aims for the 2001-02 campaign when stating: "Our task for the coming season is to win the Ukrainian title, national Cup, and qualify for the group stage of the Champions League."

Two out of three were achieved last year – only the domestic championship eluding them – and coach Victor Prokopenko is clearly confident that his team will be even better this time round.

"A lot has changed at our club over the past year. The most important thing is that the players gained so much European experience," he says. "The Champions League matches against the likes of Arsenal, Lazio and Sparta Prague also gave our coaching staff priceless information about how to prepare players both physically and mentally for the clashes with big European clubs."

Backed by heavy investment from Akhmetov, Prokopenko created a powerful force in Ukrainian football. He made some top signings, such as Senegalese defender Assan Ndiaye, Nigerian forward Julius Aghahowa (for a Ukrainian record fee), plus Andriy Konyushenko from Metalurh Zaporizha to add attacking verve.

And the newcomers wasted no time in finding their feet. Ndiaye formed a solid partnership with Nigerian Isaac Okoronkwo in central defence, Konyushenko boosted creativity in the midfield, while Aghahowa's excellent first touch and powerful shooting won him instant acclaim from the fans.

Shakhtar played attacking, entertaining football, but while their defence was solid at home, it committed far too many blunders at European level, conceding 15 goals in their six first group phase games.

To plug the holes, Prokopenko added two international defenders to his ranks – Macedonia's tall, powerful Igor Gjuzelov (from Hajduk Split) and Slovenian free-kick specialist Muamer Vugdalic (Maribor), while 22-year-old Mariusz Lewandowski arrived from Polish club Groclin to strengthen the midfield.

Add these players to established Ukraine national team regulars such as defender Anatoliy Tymoshchuk, midfielder Hennadiy Zubov and forward Andrii Vorobei, and Shakhtar look like being uncomfortable opponents for even Europe's biggest sides.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Virt **2** Starostyak **3** Okoronkwo **4** Ndiaye **5** Tymoshchuk **6** Zubov **7** Aliuta **8** Bakharev **9** Konyushenko **10** Aghahowa **11** Vorobei

The usual Shakhtar formation is 3-5-2, with Yuri Virt in goal, Okoronkwo in the centre of the back three and his defensive partners Ndiaye and Mykhailo Starostyak getting forward whenever possible. Tymoshchuk takes a holding role in midfield, while Romanian Marian Aliuta, supported by Russian Alexei Bakharev, orchestrates the game. Zubov and Konyushenko operate on the flanks, with Aghahowa and Vorobei the first-choice forwards.

WHAT THEY SAY

RINAT AKHMETOV

"We would like to develop the whole infrastructure of Shakhtar to the highest European standards. Our slogan is simple – nothing is impossible to a willing heart."

Playmaker...Marian Aliuta

SLAVIA PRAGUE

Uphill struggle

Sam Beckwith on the slim chances of the Czech League runners-up

SLAVIA may have sneaked into Champions League contention on the last day of the 2000-01 domestic campaign, but it was a generally unsatisfactory season for the club.

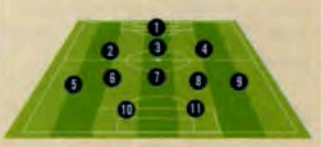
The Prague side suffered the major disappointment of going out of last term's tournament in the third qualifying round, losing in extra time to Shakhtar Donetsk. At home, they finished second in the League only just ahead of Olomouc and a full 16 points behind city rivals Sparta.

Dissatisfaction at the team's performance led to the departure of coach Karel Jarolim. His replacement is Josef Pesice, Slavia's assistant coach in 1996, when the team reached the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup. However, the new man faces an uphill task in this year's continental campaign.

Despite the backing of British investment company ENIC, Slavia remain a selling club, and the current squad is much weaker than the unit Pesice coached five years ago.

The summer departure of midfielder Ivo Ulich to Germany was a further blow, although new arrival Patrik Gedeon seems to be a capable replacement. The return of versatile left-sided midfielder Pavel Novotny from Sparta adds depth to the squad.

HOW THEY LINE UP



1 Cerny **2** Suskacevic (Petrous) **3** Muller **4** Suchoparek **5** L Dosek **6** Gedeon **7** Dostalek **8** Sedlacek (T Dosek) **9** Novotny **10** Zelenka **11** Kuka

Slavia play a stylish, short-passing game, based around a 3-5-2 formation. However, the arrival of Novotny gives Pesice the opportunity to switch easily to 4-4-2 when the need arises, moving Novotny back into defence.

WHAT THEY SAY

JOSEF PESICE

"After two squandered attempts [to qualify for the Champions League] we'll go after the Champions League, after the prize money and after the chance to increase the market value of our players with an almost insane level of commitment."

Flank raider...Lucas Dosek

SPARTA PRAGUE

Hasek leaves a void

Sam Beckwith on the challenge facing new coach Jaroslav Hrebik

WINNING the Czech League has almost become routine for Sparta Prague over the past few seasons, so the club looks to the Champions League as a truer test of their progress.

The early signs, however, are not encouraging. Doubts over Sparta's choice of coach seem unlikely to recede before the group phase begins. Following the departure of Ivan Hasek to Strasbourg earlier in the summer, Sparta struggled to find a replacement.

The Czech FA refused to allow national team boss Jozef Chovanec to take the job on a part-time basis, while a couple of other candidates reportedly turned the job down before Jaroslav Hrebik was appointed.

The fact that Hrebik was not a first-choice candidate would have been quickly forgotten if Sparta had not lost their opening League game, 3-0, against tiny Blsany, conceding all three goals within the first 23 minutes.

Hrebik has very little time to put things right. His squad remains the strongest in the Czech League, but economic realities have meant that even Sparta, the richest Czech club, have been unable to stem the flow of young talent moving abroad.

Tomas Rosicky's move to Dortmund last season is a key example of how Sparta struggle to hold on to their flair players. More positively, buying young Czech midfielder Lukas Zelenka back from Anderlecht was something of a coup. The 21-year-old is now, at around £500,000, the most expensive player in the domestic League.

A flourishing youth policy and a solid core of older players help to ensure that Sparta are difficult to beat, but a lack of midfield creativity and doubts about Hrebik could hamstring their attempts to compete with Europe's best.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Blazek **2** Grygera (Flachbart) **3** Lengyel **4** Novotny **5** Labant **6** Zelenka (Sionko) **7** Michalik (Sloncik) **8** Jarosik **9** Papousek **10** Holub (Kincl) **11** Obajdin

Good organisation and physical strength are Sparta's principal virtues, but this is not a team entirely without flair. Hrebik has continued with the 4-4-2 system favoured by his predecessor, Ivan Hasek. The squad's strength in depth ensures healthy competition for places in the starting line-up.

WHAT THEY SAY

MILAN LUHOVY, FORMER INTERNATIONAL

"As usual it's a financial question whether Sparta can really compete with Europe's biggest clubs. The big drawback is that Sparta have to sell their best players. That's the difference between them and Juventus, Real Madrid, Manchester United and other clubs who buy star players."

Here we go again...Sparta pose with the Czech championship trophy

STEAUA BUCHAREST

Limited horizons

The Romanians are not expected to set Europe alight, says John Holmesdale

AFTER ceding the 2000 Romanian League title to Bucharest rivals Dinamo, Steaua bounced back last season under former national coach Victor Piturca, finishing nine points clear at the top.

Now the challenge is to raise their game for European competition, where they faced a difficult challenge from Kyiv Dynamo in the third qualifying round.

This summer, Steaua signed promising young striker Adrian Neaga, a revelation with Arges last season despite failing a drugs test (he has since been cleared to play for Steaua after the Arges club doctor was found to have doped the players without their knowledge).

Also new to the Steaua squad this season is former international Ovidiu Stinga, who returns home after an injury-plagued time in Holland with PSV.

Steaua also held on to highly-rated young defender Mirel Radoi, despite interest from Internazionale and Arsenal.

Other keys players are likely to be Romanian international midfielder Erik Lincar and full-backs Florentin Dumitru and Dumitru Mitrita.

But, overall, Steaua lack the strength in depth to pose a real challenge in Europe. Retaining their League title is likely to prove the height of their ambition.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Tudor **2** Dumitru **3** Radoi **4** Baciu **5** Mitrita **6** Lincar **7** Stinga **8** Trica **9** Stoica **10** Neaga **11** Raducanu

Steaua play a tight 4-4-2, with the full-backs Dumitru and Mitrita attacking down the flanks and Lincar's passing unlocking defences on the counter-attack.

WHAT THEY SAY

VICTOR PITURCA

"We have to start this season with the aim of defending our crown at home, but that doesn't mean that we will be champions."

Over the top...Florentin Dumitru goes flying against Sloga of Macedonia

FC TIROL

Fighting talk

The men from Innsbruck will be no pushovers, says Nick Bidwell

FC TIROL, Austrian champions for the past two seasons, ought not to be placed in the pushover file.

In the first round of last term's UEFA Cup they recorded a fine 5-3 aggregate victory over a Fiorentina side containing the likes of Toldo, Rui Costa and Chiesa, and though the giantkillers would fall at the next hurdle to an eminently ordinary VfB Stuttgart, the Innsbruck club's Italian job conclusively proves they must not be taken lightly.

Despite their back-to-back League titles, Tirol did not exactly come into the new campaign bursting with confidence.

Defeats by Karnten in both the 2001 Austrian Cup Final and pre-season Supercup were undeniable blows to a team who have grown used to having their own way domestically. They were further undermined by the sale to Kaiserslautern of excellent Slovenian stopper Aleksander Knavs and injuries to Austro-Croat libero-cum-free-kick expert Zoran Barisic and midfield motor Markus Anfang.

But on the evidence of the opening weeks of 2001-02, the wheels do not appear to be coming off the Tiroler juggernaut just yet. With four wins and two draws from their first six League matches and still no goals conceded, it has been business as usual.

Indeed, coach Kurt Jara says the team are playing the best football of his time in charge and few would disagree. Michael Baur – or Walter Kogler – have caught the eye at sweeper, the Swiss Marco Zwyssig (ex-St Gallen) is performing as solidly as predecessor Knavs, while new boys Marc Ziegler (ex-Stuttgart) and Austrian international Robert Ibertsberger (Sturm Graz) have resolved long-term problem areas in goal and the right side of midfield respectively.

The 'Magical Triangle' of attacking midfielder Roland Kirchler and the Czech-Polish front-running duo of Patrik Jezek and free-scoring Radoslaw Gilewicz continues to look sharp.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Ziegler **2** Baur **3** Zwyssig **4** Kogler **5** Ibertsberger **6** Panis **7** Marasek **8** Kirchler **9** Brzeczek **10** Gilewicz **11** Jezek

The 3-5-2 system Kurt Jara often uses is an old-style German model. Two man-markers in central defence and Baur – or on occasion Kogler – as the spare man. Marasek is Tirol's most effective defensive midfielder, but is sometimes employed at the back, Ibertsberger provides plentiful supplies of speed and tigerish ball-winning on the right flank, while Kirchler and Brzeczek probe and prompt and constantly get forward into goalscoring positions. Panis or Hortnagl will fill in for Anfang, who should be back later this autumn following a knee operation. Baur can play in central midfield too. Gilewicz and Jezek are automatic choices up front, with Glieder, Mair, Scharrer and the Senegalese Sidibe their attacking understudies.

WHAT THEY SAY

KURT JARA

"It has been great to win League titles, but we cannot be satisfied. We want to do something in Europe and to do that we have to use our heads when we attack and play disciplined football all round."

Goal machine...Radoslaw Gilewicz

WISLA KRAKOW

Kracking up

Dariusz Kurowski on the slim chances of progress for the Polish champions

THE Polish champions prepared for the Champions League qualifiers in far from ideal circumstances.

Coach Adam Nawalka shocked Wisla fans when he announced his resignation just days after winning the championship, saying his team "were not strong enough to guarantee promotion to the Champions League".

There was also amazement at Wisla's actions in the transfer market. The club loaned their best player, Polish international midfielder Radoslaw Kaluzny, to Energie Cottbus for the 2001-02 season, but did not buy anybody to replace him. Club bosses declared that they "did not want to do anything that costs money."

This was all the more surprising because since taking a controlling interest in Wisla four years ago, Boguslaw Cupial has invested heavily in the club. He transformed them into a major force in Polish football, winning the championship twice in the past three seasons. Cupial has always stated that his one aim was to see Wisla play Champions League football.

So the board's decisions this summer have been hard to understand.

Nawalka has been replaced by Franciszek Smuda, who led Wisla to the title in 1999.

Under Smuda, Wisla beat Skonto Riga 3-1 on aggregate in the Champions League second qualifying round. But the team's chances of reaching the first group stage were slim, with few expecting them to overcome Barcelona in the third qualifying round. Such a victory would be one of the biggest shocks in the history of the competition.

Progress in the UEFA Cup was a more realistic ambition.

HOW THEY LINE UP

1 Sarnat **2** B Zajac **3** Moskal **4** M Zajac **5** Glowacki **6** Pater **7** Czerwiec **8** Moskalewicz **9** Kosowski **10** Frankowski **11** Zurawski

Wisla's standard formation is 4-4-2. They have a very experienced midfield, with Ryczard Czerwiec as the playmaker. His role is to create scoring opportunities for Tomasz Frankowski, the top scorer in Poland last season and the vital weapon in attack.

WHAT THEY SAY

BOGDAN BASALAJ, VICE-CHAIRMAN

"Last year we beat Real Zaragoza on penalties in the UEFA Cup. They were fourth in the Spanish League. So I believe we can do it once again and defeat Barcelona, who finished fourth last season."

Versatile...Wisla's Kasimierz Moskal (9) can play in defence or midfield

UEFA CUP
The ultimate guide

Over the next 12 pages, *World Soccer* correspondents from across Europe analyse the 121 teams in this season's UEFA Cup

AEK Athens (Gre)
COACH: Fernando Santos.
STADIUM: Nikos Goumas (19,500).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Atmantzidis - Lakis, Rabesandratana, Gamarra, Kasapis - Zagorakis, Tsartas, Zikos, Navas - Konstantinidis, Nikolaidis.

Under new ownership and with some impressive new signings: Paraguayan defender Carlos Gamarra and French defender Eric Rabesandratana, as well as former FC Porto coach Santos. But the search was still on for a talented forward to partner Demis Nikolaidis.

Anzhi Makhachkala (Rus)
COACH: Alexander Markarov.
STADIUM: Dinamo (16,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Zhidkov - Jaskovich, Hosic, Billong, Holli - Agalarov, Sirkhaev, Adiev, Ramazanov - Budunov, Edu.

Reached the Russian Cup Final in June, only to lose to Lokomotiv on penalties. Gadzi Gadziev resigned as coach for health reasons, and debts forced the sale of two leading players: Yugoslav striker Predrag Randzelovic and Bosnian stopper Elver Rahimic. Key players are keeper Alexander Zhidkov, midfielder Narvik Sirkhaev and strikers Budunov and Brazilian Edu.

Apollon Limassol (Cyp)
COACH: Andreas Mouskallis.
STADIUM (for UEFA Cup): Makario, Nicosia (20,000).
LINE-UP (5-3-2): Avgousti - Filippou, Pittas, Kais, Germanou, Dobrasinovic - Melanarkitis, Georgiou, Spoljaric - Zubarev, Mizerzdovski.

The Cypriot Cup-winners signed several new players this summer: Melanarkitis from Anorthosis, Georgiou and Constandinou from Pafos, Kavazis from AEK Athens, Iosifidis from Anorthosis and Mizerzdovski from Fyrom.

Ararat Yerevan (Arm)
COACH: Arkadi Andreasyan.
STADIUM: Republican.
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Azizyan - Hovakimyan, Tadevosyan, Ayvazyan, Mkrtchyan - Mkhitaryan, Minasyan, Amiryan, Mesropyan - Barsegyan, Esayan.

The best Armenian team of the Soviet era have struggled since independence, winning the League just once. Runners-up in both League and Cup last year.

Atlantas (Lit)
COACH: Vacys Lekevicius.
STADIUM: Zalgiris (10,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Poskus - Lukosevicoius, Gaigalas Zukauskas - Karalius, Takenaka, Tamosauaskas, Cikas, Zuta - Suika, Cepas.

The current Lithuanian League leaders were unlikely to progress beyond the qualifying round after losing the first leg 4-0 to Rapid Bucharest. A cosmopolitan squad includes Japanese midfielder Minoru Takenaka and London-born Adebayo Akinfenwa, once of Watford.

BATE Borisov (Bls)
COACH: Yuri Puntus.
STADIUM: City ground (6,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Fedorovich - Rogozhkin, Panasuk, Mardas, Nevinsky - Lagun, Baga, Grigorov, Loshankov - Kutuzov, Begansky.

League runners-up for the past two seasons after winning the title in 1999, BATE are shrewdly coached by Puntus and have a successful youth policy. Following the sale of Alexander Gleb to Stuttgart, the key man is young striker Vitaliy Kutuzov.

Belshina Bobruisk (Bls)
COACH: Valeriy Chetverik.
STADIUM: Spartak (7,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Shantalosov - Sednev, Klimovich, Sverdlov, Khripach - Shagoiko, E Gradoboyev, Zenevich, Gormash - I Gradoboyev, Vekhtev.

Belorussian Cup winners in 1997, 1999 and 2001, Belshina have a strong team spirit, epitomised by 35-year-old keeper Valeriy Shantalosov, back home after a long spell in Russia.

Birkirkara (Mlt)
COACH: Alfred Cardona.
STADIUM: National, Ta'Qali (16,514).
LINE-UP (4-3-3): Savic - Tellus, Bonnici, Spiteri, Dronca - Camenzuli, Brincat, Zahra - Nwoko, Chimezie, Wiseman.

Last season's Maltese Cup finalists signed Nigerian Under-21 striker Nwoke Chimezie, Romanian defender Lucien Dronca and South African striker Xolani Jalivane Wiseman in a bid to avoid last year's early exit from European competition.

Bordeaux (Fra)
COACH: Elie Baup.
STADIUM: Parc Lescure (36,500).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Rame - Jemmali, Roche, Sommeil, Basto - Smertin, Legwinski, Paulo Miranda, Dugarry - Christian, Pauleta.

Still rebuilding after the break-up of the 1999 French title-winning side. But in solid keeper Ulrich Rame, strong defenders Alain Roche and David Sommeil and attackers of the calibre of Christophe Dugarry, Pauleta and Christian, the 1996 finalists have the wherewithal to reach the quarter-finals.

Brasov (Rom)
COACH: Ilie Dumitrescu.
STADIUM: Tineretului (12,500).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Dossey - Buta, Ghindaru, Bodea, Isaila - Sandor, Cocan, Badea, Stere - Buga, Vascko.

Back in Europe after 27 years, the team now coached by ex-international Dumitrescu were confident of overcoming Mika of Azerbaijan in the qualifying round, even though star striker Emerich Vascko was injured.

Heading clear...AEK Athens' left-back Michalis Kasapis

Brondby (Den)

COACH: Age Hareide.
STADIUM: Brondby (33,500).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Krogh - Johansen, Nordin, Nielsen, Skarbalius - Svensson, Jorgensen, Daugaard, Jonson - Madsen, Bagger.

After dominating the Danish scene for years, they are now falling behind great rivals FC Copenhagen. A repeat of their famous heroics in reaching the UEFA Cup semi-finals a decade ago is out of the question. Coach Hareide has imported three Swedes to try to stiffen the side, but all have been injury-prone, while strikers Peter Madsen and Ruben Bagger are inconsistency personified. The loss of last season's top scorer Peter Graulund will be sorely felt. Experienced goalkeeper Mogens Krogh may well be kept extremely busy.

Brotnjo (Bos)

COACH: Srecko Lusic.
STADIUM: Bare (5,500).
LINE UP (3-5-2): Milos - Sablic, Susac, Raguz - Vulic, Grubisic, Jancevski, Savelj, Krivic - Blatnjak, Jolic.

With their best players, Bosnian internationals Dalibor Silic and Enes Mesanovic, set to move abroad, things were not looking good for Brotnjo, who finished as runners-up in last season's Bosnian League.

Celta Vigo (Spa)

COACH: Victor Fernandez.
STADIUM: Balaidos (31,800).
LINE-UP (4-5-1): Cavallero - Velasco, Berizzo, Contreras, Juanfran - Gustavo Lopez, Luccin, Giovanella, Karpin, Mostovoi/Boban - Catanha/Maurice.

Celta were one of the best sides in the second half of the last Spanish season, climbing the table to finish sixth. Coach Fernandez continues to wheel and deal players – this summer he has taken Zvonimir Boban, Florian Maurice and highly-rated young Frenchman Peter Luccin on loan for the season, and signed Mexican defender Pablo Contreras, who was banned from French football for his part in the fake passport scandal. South African striker Benni McCarthy remains unsettled, but progress in the UEFA Cup, after reaching the quarter-finals for the past two seasons, is expected.

Chelsea (Eng)

COACH: Claudio Ranieri.
STADIUM: Stamford Bridge (35,421).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Bosnich - Melchiot, Desailly, Gallas, Babayaro - Stanic, Petit, Lampard, Zenden - Hasselbaink, Zola.

There are big expectations at Stamford Bridge, not least from those who have bankrolled new signings to the tune of more than £30m. If new boys Lampard, the lone Englishman in the starting XI, and Petit can establish an understanding in midfield, then Hasselbaink's goals could take Chelsea a long way. The money men expect the Blues to be in the Champions League, so they will be treading water in this European campaign, with the main eye on the Premiership.

Chernomorets (Rus)

COACH: Sergei Andreev.
STADIUM: Centralny (13,500).
LINE-UP (4-5-1): Gerus - Kiryukhin, Mashkarin, Snytko, Alyakrinski - Kakosyan, Prizetko, Majorov, Osipov, Svistunov - Shevchenko.

Qualified for the UEFA Cup after finishing sixth in the 2000 Russian League, but have now dropped to the bottom of the division. A number of top players have been sold, including national team striker Denis Popov.

Club Brugge (Blg)

COACH: Trond Sollied.
STADIUM: Jan Breydel (30,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Verlinden - De Cock, De Brul, Lembi, Van der Heyden - Verheyen, Englebert, Ceh, Simons - Lange, Mendoza.

Club Brugge may be all the more motivated this season after the frustration of missing out on domestic honours last term. They won their first 14 League games to establish a Belgian record start to a campaign, but still lost out to Anderlecht in the final standings. Sollied's team have lost key midfielder Sven Vermant to Schalke but have replaced him with Slovenian Nastja Ceh. There might have been a further defection to Germany had central defender Nzelo Lembi gone to Kaiserslautern or Bayern Munich, who both coveted him. Happily for Sollied, however, Lembi and club captain Gert Verheyen both stayed put.

Cosmos (SaM)

COACH: Bruno Albani.
STADIUM: Falciano (500).
LINE-UP: Ricci - Celli, Rossi, Marinelli, Gasperoni, Berti, Montagna, Protti, Colonna, Tabarini, Podavini.

The champions of San Marino put up a fight against Rapid Wien in the qualifying round, with goalkeeper Giulio Ricci winning particular praise. They lost the first leg 1-0 at home and were not expected to progress.

Time for understanding...Petit's partnership with Lampard is crucial for Chelsea

CSKA Kyiv (Ukr)

COACHES: Volodymyr Bessonov, Oleg Kuznetsov.
STADIUM (for UEFA Cup): Kyiv Dynamo (15,467).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Kernozenko - Revut, Maltsev, Bilozor, Mikadze - Annenkov, Volosyanko, Kyrlyk, Zakarlyuka - Polischuk, Kostyshin.

The new coaching team of Bessonov and Kuznetsov, both former Kyiv Dynamo stars of the 1980s, face an uphill struggle after a mass exodus of key players. They followed coach Mikhail Formenko out of the door this summer, prompting Bessonov to say "We're in reconstruction mode now."

CSKA Sofia (Bul)

COACH: Asparuh Nikodimov.
STADIUM: Bulgarska Armia (24,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Lukic - Antonov, Tomash, Ashimov, Georgiev - Lechkov, Deyanov, Petrov, Giglio - Mokke, Penev.

Former stars Luboslav Penev and Yordan Lechkov have come out of retirement to lead CSKA's European campaign. Striker Penev retired in 1999 to become club president, shortly after midfielder Lechkov had quit Besiktas following a row with John Toshack. Coach Nikodimov is back in charge for a third time, while Yugoslav keeper Nenad Lucic has also returned to the club.

Cwmbran Town (Wal)

COACH: Tony Wilcox.
STADIUM (for UEFA Cup): Leckwith, Cardiff.
LINE-UP (4-3-3): Wager - Carter Philpott, David, Wile - Wharton, Wigg, Cotterrell - Brown, Hughes, Watkins.

Veterans of five European campaigns, the Crows have built a strong side in recent seasons since winning the inaugural League crown in 1992. But the loss of leading striker Mattie Davies to Barry is a major blow.

Debrecen (Hun)

COACH: Janos Pajkos.
STADIUM: Olah Gabor utcai (10,000).
LINE-UP: Balogh - Plokai, Kuttor, Szatmari, Bernath, Alexic, Radojcic, Boor, Tiber, Majoros, Bajzat.

Debrecen have gained a reputation for producing young talent, and plans for a new, modern all-seater stadium show the club's ambition. However, they are not expected to be among the title contenders at home this term and any progress in Europe will be a bonus.

Dinaburg (Lat)

COACH: Roman Grigorchouk.
STADIUM: Tseltnieks (3,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Fyodorov - Nalivaiko, Loginov, Dorosh, Bayan - Ivanov, Puchinsky, Prikhodko, Burlakov - Molotkov, Dubrovin.

Latvian Cup runners-up last season, when they lost to champions Skonto, Dinaburg are the leading team in east Latvia. Key player is striker Stanislav Dubrovin, top scorer in the Latvian championship with 17 goals.

Dinamo Bucharest (Rom)

COACH: Ion Marin.
STADIUM: Dinamo (18,000).
LINE-UP (5-3-2): Prunea - Kirita, Nastase, Buta, Talvan, Bolohan - Semeghin, Parvu, Lupescu - Niculescu, Mihalcea.

Dinamo were weakened over the summer by the sale of striker Marius Niculae to Sporting Lisbon and Bogdan Mara to Alaves, while midfielder Florentin Petre was international reportedly injured in a freak fishing accident. Key men are veteran keeper Bogdan Stelea, midfielder and captain Ionut Lupescu and strikers Claudio Niculescu and Adrian Mihalcea.

Dinamo Moscow (Rus)

COACH: Alexander Novikov.
STADIUM: Dinamo (36,880).
LINE-UP (4-5-1). Kramarenko - Arifullin, Semberas, Zharinov, Zutautas - Tochilin, Gusev, Kluev, Bystrov, Kharlachev - Bulykin.

A great name from the past, but they have suffered in recent times. Coach Valeri Gazzayev was the latest casualty, quitting to join the Russian national youth side. Talented teenage keeper Vladimir Gabulov was sold to Alaniya, while CSKA Moscow snapped up leading striker Spartak Gogniev. Rolan Gusev is the lone warrior on the pitch these days, while young striker Dmitri Bulykin, signed from Lokomotiv last year, has lacked support from midfield.

Dinamo Tbilisi (Geo)

COACH: Givi Nodia.
STADIUM: Boris Paichadze (70,900).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Grishikashvili - Vashakidze, Sakhvadze, Svanadze, Shashiashvili - Shalamberidze, Maziashvili, Burduli, Daraseliya - Mikadze, Zirakishvili.

Dinamo's 1981 European Cup-winners Cup triumph seems a distant memory and they have only recently come through serious financial problems. New coach Nodia will be without injured striker Zaza Zirakishvili for the first two months of the season but can call upon promising midfielder Vitaliy Daraseliya, newly signed from CSKA Kyiv.

Dinamo Tirana (Alb)

COACH: Astrit Hafizi.
STADIUM: Qemal Stafa (20,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Lika - Driza, Pisha, Gallo - Pinari, Dhembi, Jupi, Asllani, Ahmataj - Xhafa, Qorri (Qosa).

Former national coach Hafizi has taken over at ambitious Dinamo, who were the biggest spenders in Albania over the summer. New arrivals include striker Fjodor Xhafa, midfielder Klodian Asllani and defender Johan Driza, all from Bylis.

Dinamo Zagreb (Cro)

COACH: Ilija Loncarevic.
STADIUM: Maksimir (38,923).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Butina - Drpic, Sedloski, Sesar, Polovanec - Mikic, Leko, Agic,Pilipovic - Petrovic, Kranjcar.

Under the late state president Franjo Tudjman, Dinamo enjoyed unrivalled financial support. Since his death last year, the debts have mounted, and a host of key players were sold in the summer, most notably star striker Bosko Balaban.

Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk (Ukr)

COACH: Nikolay Fedorenko.
STADIUM (for UEFA Cup): Kryvyi Rig (34,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Medin - Poklonskyi, Geraschenko, Zadorozhnyi, Yezerskyi - Shelayev, Zubhenko, Spevak, Kozar - Gritsay, Mazyar.

Ukraine's No 3 club who have benefited from coach Fedorenko's boldness in picking youth team players. But he can still call on some experienced names: Volodymyr Geraschenko (ex-Rotor Volgograd), Volodymyr Yezerskyi, Roman Maksymyuk and Volodymyr Mazyar (all ex -Kyiv Dynamo) and Oleh Shelayev (ex-Shakhtar).

Dunaferr (Hun)

COACH: Sandor Egervari.
STADIUM (for UEFA Cup): Gyor Eto, Gyor (25,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Petry - Molnar, Eger, Bagoly, Kiss - H Rosa, Jakl, Zovath, Penksa - Sowunmi, Tokoli.

Claimed their first League title in 2000 and knocked out Croatians Hajduk Split in last season's Champions League before losing narrowly to Rosenborg of Norway. This decent effort, plus the fact that key striker Attila Tokoli and midfielder Henrik Rosa have stayed on, bodes well for the current European campaign.

Elfsborg (Swe)

COACH: Bengt-Arne Stromberg.
STADIUM: Ryavallen (19,400).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Wiland - Ung, Arvhage, Sjoberg, Bengtsson - Mikael Andersson, Klarstrom, Stromberg, Siljanovski - Gudmundsson, Carlstrand.

The Swedish Cup winners have been weakened by the loss of Anders Svensson, who moved to the English Premiership with Southampton and Fredrik Berglund (Roda JC of Holland). Key men are Niklas Gudmundsson (ex-Blackburn), keeper Johan Wiland and new Macedonian signing Jurica Siljanovski.

Wealth of experience...Elfsborg keeper Johan Wiland

Etzella Ettelbruck (Lux)

PLAYER-COACH: Luc Holtz.
STADIUM: Am Deich (6,120).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Goldshmit - Ferron, Kalabic, Mestre, Patterson - Federspeil, Holtz, Picard, Posing - Grettnich, Mischo.

Luxembourg's Cup holders faced a tough challenge against Legia Warsaw in the qualifying round. Key men are Patrick Grettnich, Ben Federspeil and Ralph Ferron.

Fiorentina (Ita)

COACH: Roberto Mancini.
STADIUM: Artemio Franchi (47,282).
LINE-UP (4-3-1-2): Manninger - Repka, Adani, Pierini, Moretti - Rossi, Cois, Di Livio - Morfeo - Chiesa, Nuno Gomes.

Desperate times for the Italian Cup winners, with the club's very existence threatened by the debts of owner Vittorio Cecchi Gori. With Portuguese star Rui Costa and keeper Francesco Toldo sold to keep the club afloat, coach Mancini faces an uphill struggle to keep the side competitive. However, with players of the calibre of Enrico Chiesa, Tomas Repka and Angelo Di Livio in the ranks, progress in the early rounds is expected.

Flora Tallinn (Est)

COACH: Arno Pijpers.
STADIUM: Kadriorg (6,000).
LINE-UP: Kaalma - Allas, Stepanov, Rahn, Saviauk, Reim, Saharov, Novikov, Lindpere, Kristal, Tarassenkov.

Estonia's biggest club and the current champions. Were unlikely to progress after losing the qualifying round first leg to Dinamo Zagreb.

Freiburg (Ger)

COACH: Volker Finke.
STADIUM: Dreisamstadion (25,000).
LINE-UP (2-6-2): Golz - Muller, Diarra - Kehl, Willi, Zeyer, Coulibaly, But, Kobiashvili - Sellimi, Iashvili.

In only their second European adventure – the first ended in opening-round defeat to Slavia Prague in the 1995-96 UEFA Cup – Freiburg will certainly not take the safety-first option with their highly adventurous 2-6-2 formation. Yet while flowing football and entertainment is guaranteed, the team's lack of defensive cover leaves them particularly vulnerable to counter-attack. Key man is neo-German international Sebastian Kehl, who is nominally a defensive midfielder but pops up everywhere on the field.

Fylkir (Ice)

COACH: Bjarni Johannsson.
STADIUM (for UEFA Cup): National, Reykjavik (7,000).
LINE-UP (4-3-3): Sturluson - Skulason, Thorhallur Dan Johannsson, Herlgason, Petursson - Kolbeinsson, Stigsson, Sverrisson - Gislason (Bjarnason), Steingrimur Johannesson (Tomasson), Jonsson (McFarlane).

Last year's shock League runners-up from the east Reykjavik suburbs find themselves in Europe for the first time. Coach Johannsson will play defensively away but revert to his preferred 4-3-3 formation at home.

Gaziantepspor (Tur)

COACH: Tevfik Lav.
STADIUM: Kami Ocak (20,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Omer Catkic - Mert, Mehmet, Batista - Hasan Ozer, Erhan Albayrak, Hakan Yigit, Krilov, Salar - Fatih Tekke, Kemal Aslan.

The club from near the Syrian border finished third in the League last season, their best position since their foundation in 1969. Key players are national team striker Hasan Ozer and Fatih Tekke. However, agile midfielder Hakan Bayraktar has been sold to Fenerbahce.

Genclerbirligi (Tur)

COACH: Walter Meeuvs.
STADIUM: Mayis (22,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Nijs - Tolga, Beyhan, Ismail - Mehmet Ali, M'Bayo, Thomas, Nihat, Philip - Alper, Suleyman Yula.

The leading club in Ankara qualified for the UEFA Cup after winning the Turkish Cup Final against champions Fenerbahce. Manager Samet Aybaba then resigned, to be replaced by ex-Belgium coach Meeuws. Their noted players are Belgian goalkeeper Patrick Nijs and striker Suleyman Yula. Canny president Ilhan Cavcav was at it again this summer, buying and selling players. Libero Umit Ozat joined Fenerbahce and striker Umit Karan went to Galatasaray.

GI Gotu (Far)

COACH: Johan Nielsen.
STADIUM (for UEFA Cup): Torsvollur, Torshavn (7,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Hallur Hansen - Eliasen, Leivur Hansen, Ennigar, Henning Jarnskor - Aslakur R Petersen, Jacobsen, Zdzislaw Janik, Magni Jarnskor - Helgi L Petersen, Oli Hansen.

Although from a tiny municipality of only 900 inhabitants, GI have a strong tradition, with six Faroese League titles, the last in 1996, and several cups. Key man is striker and current League top scorer Helgi L Petersen.

Target man...Fiorentina look to Enrico Chiesa to keep the goals flowing

Glenavon (NI)

COACH: Colin Malone.
STADIUM: Mourneview Park, Lurgan (3,850).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Addis - Montgomery, Rafferty, O'Kane, Mallon - McCann, Chisholm, Collins, McMahon - McKinstry, Smith.

Last season's surprise League runners-up have lost defender Mark Glendenning to Glentoran, but are boosted by the signing of striker Gary McKinstry. Key man is 17 times-capped Northern Ireland midfielder Gerard McMahon.

Glentoran (NI)

COACH: Roy Coyle.
STADIUM: The Oval, Belfast (6,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Gough - Nixon, Smyth, Leeman, Glendenning - McCann, Batey, Young, Lockhart - Fitzgerald, Armour.

The Northern Ireland Cup winners lost Justin McBride to rivals Linfield, but have been boosted by the signing of striker Darren Armour and left-back Mark Glendenning. Key man is Scottish midfielder Scott Young.

Gorica (Sln)

COACH: Filip Mendas.
STADIUM: Sportski Park (4,200).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): B Mavric - M Mavric, Jankovic, Srebrnic - Debenjak, M Kovacevic, N Kovacevic, Sarajlic, Kokot - Shaqiri, Kostic.

Hard times for the club from Nova Gorica, who recently lost their main sponsor (HIT, a hotels and casinos group) and have been forced to sell their best players: Snofl and Pitamic to Maribor, Gutalj to Austria, Zlogar and Ipavec to Olimpija.

Grazer AK (Aut)

COACH: Werner Gregoritsch.
STADIUM: Arnold Schwarzenegger (15,400).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Almer - Ehmann, Dmitrovic, Akoto - Standfest, Amerhauser, Ceh, Kulovits, Ramusch - Brunmayr, Akwuegbu.

Grazer AK have looked on enviously at city rivals Sturm Graz's sojourns in the Champions League. Now the roles are reversed. Sturm did not qualify for Europe last season, while Grazer did, and the latter began the 2001-02 championship in fine form. Key man is goal-hungry Ronald Brunmayr, backed up by Nigerian Benedict Akwuegbu.

Grevenmacher (Lux)

COACH: Joe Hansen.
STADIUM: Op Flohr (4,500).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Joubert - Manangala, Shroeder, Birtz, Pauk - Dublin, Mendoza, Schneider, Klinge - Huss, Rodrigues.

Last year's runners-up in the Luxembourg Premier Division have only a handful of UEFA Cup games under their belt. Key men are national team striker Daniel Huss and the experienced Dirk Klinge (ex-Stuttgart, Lausanne, Eintracht Frankfurt).

Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr)

COACH: Dror Kashtan.
STADIUM: Bloomfield (25,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Elimelech - Bachar, Gershon, Domb, Antebi - Abuksis, Helmai, Tuamah, Luz (Afek) - Ostrac, Clescenco.

The 'reds' of Tel Aviv welcome back international midfielder Yossi Abuksis, after several seasons at rivals Beitar Jerusalem. Another significant change was the 'silent row' involving coach Kashtan and striker Avi Tikva, which led the latter to move to Swiss side Young Boys of Berne. His elder brother Shalom, Kashtan's assistant, was caught in the middle of the row and also left the club.

Highland fling...Hibernian's Spanish midfielder Francisco Luna

HB Torshavn (Far)

COACH: Ion Geolgau.
STADIUM (for UEFA Cup): Torsvollur (7,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Johannesen - Johannis Joensen, Fjalssbak, Mortensen - Janus M Joensen, Nolsoe, Rogvi Jacobsen, Morkore, Danielsen - Arge, Jon Roi Jacobsen.

Arguably the biggest club in the Faroe Islands, HB enter the European fray for a ninth consecutive year, but have yet to record a European victory – a home tie against Latvia's RAF Jelgava in the 1993 Cup-winners Cup ended with a 3-0 'win' when the visitors failed to turn up. HB have several Faroese internationals, including midfielder Alan Morkore and striker Uni Arge.

Helsingborgs (Swe)

COACH: 'Nanne' Bergstrand.
STADIUM: Olympia (17,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Sven Andersson - Gustavsson, Nilsson, Matovac, Persson - Christoffer Andersson, Johansen, Jansson, Hansson - Eklund, Prica.

The surprise conquerors of Inter in last season's Champions League have disappointed away from home this season, but at least Hans Eklund is scoring freely. Last term's hero Alvaro Santos has been injured, but another Brazilian, Rogerio Silva, has joined the club. In defence, veteran keeper Sven Andersson remains, and Jozo Matovac is the best stopper in Sweden.

Hertha Berlin (Ger)

COACH: Jurgen Rober.
STADIUM: Olympiastadion (67,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Kiraly - Rehmer, Van Burik, Simunic - Deisler, Maas, Marcelinho, Beinlich, Goor - Preetz, Alex Alves.

Ambitious Hertha are desperate to establish themselves as a force both at home and abroad. However, their major problem is that they do not have an especially balanced line-up. With Sebastian Deisler, Stefan Beinlich, Belgian Bart Goor, Michael Preetz and Brazilian pair Marcelinho and Alex Alves in the squad, Hertha are top-heavy with attacking talent. But apart from Marko Rehmer, their rearguard is hardly of the same calibre.

Hibernian (Sco)

COACH: Alex McLeish.
STADIUM: Easter Road (16,039).
LINE-UP (4-3-3): Colgan - Smith, Sauzee, Jack, Laursen - De la Cruz, Orman, O'Neil - Luna, Brewster, Zitelli.

It is just over two years since Hibernian were playing in the Scottish First Division but patient reconstruction by coach McLeish has taken the Edinburgh club back into Europe after a nine-year absence. They appear adequately equipped for the European game, led by inspirational French veteran Franck Sauzee and Spanish midfielder Francisco Luna. McLeish has also strengthened his squad by bringing striker Craig Brewster back to Scotland after several years in Greece.

HJK Helsinki (Fin)

COACH: Jyrki Heliskoski.
STADIUM: Finnair (10,700).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Viander - Jensen, Heikkinen, Kallio - Heinola, Ilola, Jeremenko, Kopteff, Nylund - Roiha, Luiz Antonio.

The Finnish Cup winners boast an experienced side, with Russian veteran Alexei Jeremenko, 37, still pulling the midfield strings. Young forward Paulus Roiha is currently Finland's hottest property, while Brazilian striker Luiz Antonio has also looked sharp. Joakim Jensen is the key man in defence.

IA Akranes (Ice)

COACH: Olafur Thordarson.
STADIUM (for UEFA Cup): National, Reykjavik (7,000).
LINE-UP (4-3-3): Gunnarsson - Hjalmsson, Jonsson, Karvelsson, Leosson - Steinsson, Haraldsson, Adalsteinsson, Bjornsson - Hjartarsson, Reynisson.

Boasting a European pedigree stretching back over 52 matches and more than 30 years, IA Akranes enter this year's competition as a young team still in transition under player-coach Thordarson. The club known as the Football Factory were not expected to overcome Club Brugge.

Internazionale (Ita)

COACH: Hector Cuper.
STADIUM: San Siro (85,700).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Toldo - Vivas, Materazzi, Cordoba, Georgatos - Sergio Conceicao, C Zanetti, Dalmat, Emre - Vieri, Ronaldo.

Argentinian coach Hector Cuper, after taking Valencia as far as he could in the past two seasons, has arrived in Milan to take charge of arguably the most difficult club in Italy. Cuper's disciplined approach is well suited to Italian football, but man-management of an ego-laden squad could prove difficult. New names at Inter include Portuguese winger Sergio Conceicao, Italy keeper Francesco Toldo, Turkish midfielder Emre Belozoglu, Argentinian defender Nelson Vivas, Greek left-back Grigoris Georgatos and stopper Marco Materazzi. Add striker Christian Vieri and the possible return of a fit Ronaldo, and Cuper has all the raw ingredients for success. But owner Massimo Moratti's patience will be tested if the side fail to gel from the start.

Ipswich (Eng)

COACH: George Burley.
STADIUM: Portman Road (22,700).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Branagan - Makin, Bramble, McGreal, Hreidarsson - George, Holland, Magilton, Reuser - Stewart, Armstrong.

Back in European competition for the first time for almost 20 years, when manager Burley was a member of the Bobby Robson-coached side that won the 1981 UEFA Cup. Burley runs a tight but happy ship, with captain Matt Holland a consistent presence in midfield and striker Marcus Stewart a plentiful source of goals. New boys Finidi George, a disappointment at Mallorca, and Pablo, a free signing from Celta, should compensate for the loss of Jamie Scowcroft to Leicester, but Ipswich may find their resources stretched.

Jokerit (Fin)

COACH: Jan Everse.
STADIUM: Finnair (10,700).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Laaksonen - Heilala, Tervonen, Moilanen, Marjamaa - Nenonen, Koskela, Vayrynen, Karhu - Bright, Abbenhues.

A disappointing season so far, with new signings Martin Abbenhues, a Dutchman, and Nigerian Olympic striker Bright failing to shine. Meanwhile, Alexei Jeremenko junior (son of HJK's midfielder) has received a long ban after being sent off. Young Mika Vayrynen has been the one big plus.

Karnten (Aut)

COACH: Walter Schachner.
STADIUM: Worthersee (15,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Goriupp - Vorderegger, Papac, Kolvidsson, Jovanovic - Rohseano, Hota, Stary, Holler - Ambrosius, Bubalo.

Newly promoted to the national elite, the Klagenfurt club have been on a roll in recent months, claiming the Second Division title and twice overcoming champions FC Tirol to take the Austrian Cup and Supercup. But European football is a tougher proposition altogether and despite reinforcing their ranks with obdurate Icelandic defender Helgi Kolvidsson and Danish striker Tommy Ambrosius, they should find the heat of the continental kitchen too much to bear.

Kilmarnock (Sco)

COACH: Bobby Williamson.
STADIUM: Rugby Park (18,128).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Marshall - Canero, Innes, Hay, Mahood - Calderon, San Juan, Dindeleux, Mitchell - Cocard, Ngonge.

A top-four finish in the Premier Division gave Kilmarnock their European passport for the fourth time in five seasons, although they have failed to clear the second hurdle in each of their campaigns during that period. Shrewd signings by manager Williamson have given the side a continental look, and the gap created by the retirement of Ally McCoist looks to have been filled by the signing of former Watford and QPR striker Michel Ngonge. The Zaire international scored on his League debut against Hibernian.

Leeds (Eng)

COACH: David O'Leary.
STADIUM: Elland Road (40,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Martyn - Mills, Ferdinand, Radebe, Harte - Bowyer, Batty, Dacourt, Kewell - Smith (Keane), Viduka.

After last season's Champions League success comes the UEFA Cup hangover. The Premiership is the priority, and Leeds have the squad to challenge Manchester Utd's domestic supremacy now that Robbie Keane has completed his move from Inter. But Leeds must start as one of the favourites for the UEFA Cup. One potential problem is the rescheduled trial of Lee Bowyer and Jonathan Woodgate.

Legia Warsaw (Pol)

COACH: Dragomir Okuka.
STADIUM: Legia (15,000).
LINE-UP: (3-5-2): Kowalewski - Jarzebowski, Magiera, Omeljanczuk - Karwan, Murawski, Majewski, Kucharski, Kielbowicz - Svitlica, Wroblewski.

Since reaching the Champions League quarter-finals in 1996, Legia have been a huge disappointment to their fans, for whom only the championship is important. Coach Okuka, under great pressure since taking over in March, has not been helped by the loss of three key players: national team defenders Jacek Zielinski and Tomasz Lapinski (both with long-term injuries), and leading scorer Marcin Mieciel, who has gone on loan for a year to Monchengladbach.

Ace in the hole...Ronaldo is on his way back to lead Inter's attack

Litex (Bul)

COACH: Ferario Spasov.
STADIUM: Ovench (7,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Vutov - Zhelev, Rachita, Kirilov, Nikolov - Petev, Yovov, Jankovic, Dimitrov - Hdiouad, Youroukov.

Having won the Bulgarian Cup as Lovech last season, they have taken the name of their former sponsors Litex, who are back on board. Key players are Hristo Yovov, Zoran Jankovic, Zhizko Zehlev and international defender Rossen Kirilov.

Lokomotiv Tbilisi (Geo)

COACH: Kakhaber Tskhadadze.
STADIUM: Mikhail Meskhi (35,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Lamaia - Balashvili, Lasabidze, Gilauri, Salukvadze - Oniani, Gogichaishvili, Chichveishvili, Anchabadze - Datvadze, Kaidarashvili.

Tskhadadze, still only 32, returned from spells in Russia, Sweden, Germany and England (Manchester City) as the surprise appointment as coach. Key man is midfield orchestrator Georgi Anchabadze.

Longford (Ire)

COACH: Stephen Kenny.
STADIUM: Flancare Park (7,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): O'Brien - Murphy, McNally, Smith, W Byrne - Reynolds, Kirby, S Byrne, Prunty - O'Connor, Lavine.

Longford's biggest worry before their European debut was whether their home ground would prove up to UEFA standards, and volunteers worked flat out to install additional seats to make Flancare Park all-seater. Longford, promoted to the Premier Division last season, qualified for Europe after losing to Double winners Bohemians in the FAI Cup Final. Their major summer signing was Barbados international striker Eric Lavine from Galway United.

Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr)

COACH: Nir Levin.
STADIUM: Bloomfield (25,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Strauber - Ben-Dayan, Shelach, Brumer, Vedzinski - Banin, Zeituni, Dago, Tzarfati - Goldberg, Turgeman/Biton.

The most venerable club in Israel are seen as the pacesetters in terms of efficient management and corporate image. In the past, however, the results have not necessarily enhanced the off-pitch image. Nevertheless, Maccabi did win the State Cup and also had the League's top goalscorer in Avi Nimni, and the best newcomer, Baruch Dago. But Nimni's future at the club is in doubt as he may sign for Real Socieded. Other players have come in, mainly from financially-troubled Hapoel Haifa.

Maritimo (Por)

COACH: Nelo Vingada.
STADIUM: Dos Barreiros (14,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Gilmar - Kenedy, Van der Gaag, Eusebio, Paulo Sergio - Albertino, Dinda, Bruno, Iliev - Quim, Gaucho.

Although the Madeira club only qualified as losing Portuguese Cup finalists and could do no better than a mid-table League finish in 2000-01, they still should be handled with care. Coach Nelo Vingada is a wily old bird and the club have bought well this summer, recruiting the solid Dutch central defender Mitchell Van der Gaag and the free-scoring Brazilian striker Gaucho. His partnership with Quim is potentially explosive.

Midtjylland (Den)

COACH: Ove Pedersen.
STADIUM: Ikast (15,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Skov-Jensen - From, Skriver, Nielsen, Rooba - Jessen, Sand, Thomasberg, Moller Pedersen - Skoubo, Laursen.

The surprise package of last year's Danish season, the so-called Wolves provided further evidence of their progress with an unlikely 7-0 friendly victory against Bundesliga club Wolfsburg in the summer. Nevertheless, coach Ove Pedersen, who has ambitions to work abroad, remains cautious about predicting success in the UEFA Cup. He believes it was "a miracle" for his team to finish fourth in their first season in the Superliga, and knows his hard-working side lack star quality, especially after Allan Bak Jensen's departure. But Pedersen does seem to have the knack of creating a team that is more than the sum of its parts.

Mika Ashtarak (Arm)

COACH: Samvel Petrosyan.
STADIUM: (for UEFA Cup) Republican.
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Hakopyan - Dallakyan, Petikyan, Bulanov, Grigoryan - Muradyan, Markosyan, Grigoryan, Egiazaryan - Khashmanyan, Shakhgeldyan.

Armenian Cup winners for the past two seasons, they were not expected to beat FC Brasov of Romania in the UEFA Cup qualifying round.

Milan (Ita)

COACH: Fatih Terim.
STADIUM: San Siro (85,700).
LINE-UP (4-3-1-2): Abbiatti - Contra, Kaladze, Maldini, Coco - Gattuso, Albertini, Ambrosini - Rui Costa - Inzaghi, Shevchenko.

Italy's big spenders this summer after the disappointments of last season, when Alberto Zaccheroni was sacked following failure in the Champions League second stage. Newcomers include Portuguese playmaker Rui Costa, strikers Filippo Inzaghi and Javi Moreno, Romanian full-back Cosmin Contra and, crucially, Fatih Terim, previously coach of Fiorentina and Galatasaray. Owner Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian Prime Minister, will expect the Turk to deliver success in both the Italian League and the UEFA Cup.

MyPa (Fin)

COACH: Juha Malinen.
STADIUM: Anjalankosken (5,000).
LINE-UP (4-3-3): Mitring - Huttunen, Aho, Nuorela, Hyokyvaara - Okkonen, Lindberg, Marco Manso - Kuparinen, Puhakainen, Vaisanen.

One of Finland's most consistent sides of the past decade, MyPa launched the careers of Sami Hyypia and Jari Litmanen. Coach Malinen plays a direct game with few frills. Veteran Janne Lindberg dominates the midfield, alongside hard-shooting Brazilian Marco Manso and the highly promising Antti Okkonen. MyPa lack presence in attack, where Saku Puhakainen is the main man.

Neftchi (Aze)

COACH: Rashid Uzbekov.
STADIUM: Tofik Bahramov (36,800).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Gasanov - Bagirov, Getman, Akhmedov, Asadov - Guliyev, Aliyev, Niftaliev, Ismaylov - Ragimov, Guseynov.

The leading Azerbaijan club in Soviet football have lost their way over the past decade, winning only two of 10 League titles. Lost last year's title in a play-off against Shamkir.

Nistru-Unisport (Mol)

COACH: Anatoly Murahovschi.
STADIUM: (for UEFA Cup) Republican, Chisinau (16,000).
LINE-UP: (4-4-2) Ivanov - Lascencov, Malitschi, Covalcov, Podgaetschi - Lupascu, Arabadji, Grosev, Copusteanschi - Blajco, Revenco.

The team from a little town on the Moldova-Ukraine border are in the UEFA Cup for the first time after losing last season's domestic Cup Final to Serif Tiraspol, who also won the League.

Obilic (Yug)

COACH: Ratko Dostanic.
STADIUM: (for UEFA Cup) Partizan (33,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Dimitrijevic - Karic, Vargec, Djordjevic, Ocokoljic - Simonovic, Zimonjic, Zoric, Aleksic - Mladenovic, Filipovic.

This summer Obilic somehow avoided the usual sale of key players, with the exception of national team defender Milan Obradovic, who signed for Lokomotiv Moscow. The most important change for this season should be the return of midfielder Sasa Zoric, unhappy as a reserve at Red Star. A further plus could be the late signing of former Under-21 international Ardian Djokaj, on loan from Mallorca. Even so, progress beyond the UEFA Cup first round would be a surprise.

Odd Grenland (Nor)

COACH: Arne Sandsto.
STADIUM: Falkum (10,300).
LINE-UP (4-3-3): Holtan - Aas, Bomhoff, Borgersen, Nornes - Fevang, Pedersen, Mahlio - Van Ankeren, Larsen, Hoff.

After three seasons in the Norwegian top flight, the club from the coastal town of Skien have become regular top-six finishers. However, the current team lack international experience. Kim Larsen, Espen Hoff and Dutchman Ernest Van Ankeren are the forwards, while Morten Fevang is the midfield maestro. Behind him, Alexander Aas and Baard Borgersen are key defenders, with Aas's long throw-ins a constant problem for opponents.

New man in Milan...Spanish forward Javi Moreno

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Olimpija Ljubljana (Sln)

COACH: Mihajlo Petrovic.
STADIUM: Bezigrad (12,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-1-1): Pejkovic - Mirtic, Kosic, Oslaj - Pokorn, Fridl, Agic, Komac, Barun - Zlogar - Ipavec.

After failing to win the Slovenian League title back from Maribor last season, Olimpija sold four key players: Goran Granic (Varteks), Sebastjan Cimerotic (Lecce), Ismet Munishi (Argentina), and Ermin Rakovic (Petach Tikva). Bojan Prasnikar resigned as coach in protest, but the weakened side was still expected to come through the qualifying round.

Olomouc (Cze)

COACH: Leos Kalvoda.
STADIUM: Andruv (12,069).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Vaniak - Latal, Rozehnal, Spilacek (Kucera), Kotrys - Kobylik, Mucha, Kovac, Urbanek - Vlcek, Hapal.

One of the stronger Czech clubs, mainly thanks to their strong youth policy, Olomouc were unlucky to miss out on the Champions League, squeezed out by Slavia Prague on the last day of last season. New arrival Radoslav Latal (Schalke) has a fine international pedigree, as does the established Pavel Hapal, and both can lift younger team-mates. Of those, midfielders David Kobylik and Ales Urbanek are the cream of the crop. However, following the departure of Michal Kovar, the retirement of veteran Oldrich Machala, and a long-term injury to Radim Kucera, the main concern is the makeshift, inexperienced defence.

Olympiakos Nicosia (Cyp)

COACH: Toza Saburic.
STADIUM: GSP (26,000).
LINE-UP (5-3-2): Petridis - Aristocleous, Charalambous, Ioannou, Tsiaklis, Costa - Themistocleous, Asshotis, Kachatrian - Kozlej, Radosavliev.

For many years Olympiakos lived in the shadows of Nicosia's big two clubs, Omonia and APOEL, but since a financial injection in 1999, things have improved markedly. This summer they signed Ioannou and Papavasiliou from Anorthosis, Filiotis from Nea Salamina and Radosavliev from Yugoslavia. They also signed Melanarkitis from Anorthosis but a few days later sold him to Apollon.

Osijek (Cro)

COACH: Vlado Biliae.
STADIUM: Gradski vrt (20,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Galinovic - Vuica, Ergovic, Neretljak, Kulesevic - Mitu, Balatinac, Vinogradac, Besirevic - Turkovic, Vuka.

Last season, Osijek looked set for a remarkable triumph, as they led the Croatian League and were on course to win their first title. But a cash crisis forced the sale of their best player, Nenad Bjelica, to Kaiserslautern and they lost out to Hajduk Split. Star man is Almir Turkovic.

PAOK Salonika (Gre)

COACH: Dusan Bayevic.
STADIUM: Toumba, Salonika (32,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Tohouroglou - Katsiambis, Ambonza, Ounteze, Borbokis - Tetradze, Kafes, Karadimos, Konstantinidis - Okkas, Giorgiadis.

PAOK have been plagued by financial problems of late and in July were forced to sell one of their top players, Greek national team defender Stelios Venetidis, to Olympiakos. Angry PAOK fans stormed the club offices in protest. Despite the sale and the lack of new signings, PAOK are unlikely to go out of the UEFA Cup without a fight. Serbian coach Dusan Bayevic has previously led AEK Athens and Olympiakos to Greek League titles.

Partizan Belgrade (Yug)

COACH: Ljubisa Tumbakovic.
STADIUM: Partizan (33,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Radakovic - Jeremic, Bajic, Rasovic, Cirkovic - Ilic, Ivic, Trobok, Duljaj - Ilijev, Cakar.

Remarkably, Partizan did not lose a single first-team player to a foreign club this summer. The team's biggest strength is in midfield, with captain and playmaker Sasa Ilic, 23, Vladimir Ivic, and 21-year-old Igor Duljaj, a player with great pace and workrate who has been linked with Juventus. New signing Damir Cakar returns after four years away to reinforce a Partizan attack which has struggled to replace Mateja Kezman, who joined PSV in summer 2000.

Pelister (Mac)

COACH: Blagoja Kitanovski.
STADIUM: Pod Timbe kafe (6,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Kitanovski - Elmazovski, Stojmenovski (Stoiljkovic), Dimov, Stefanov - Grozdanov, Siveski (Deliovski), Kapinkovski, Stisniovski - Micevski, Dimitrovski (Toleski).

The 'Greens' from Bitola won their first trophy last season, the Macedonian Cup. This summer, there were no major transfers, but Pelister held on to established internationals Ilir Elmazovski, Dimitar Kapinkovski and Jordanco Stojmenovski, despite offers from Russia and Ukraine.

Fighting spirit...PAOK midfielder Pantelis Kafes

Pogon Szczecin (Pol)

COACH: Mariusz Kuras.
STADIUM: Pogon (17,800).
LINE-UP (3-5-1-1): Szypowski - Skrzypek, Wegrzyn, Stolarczyk - Bednarz, Dzwigala, Gesior, Drumlak, Djokovic - Podbrozny - Kaczorowski.

Runners-up in the Polish League last season, Pogon Szczecin are competing in the UEFA Cup for the third time. They have an ambitious chairman in Turkish businessman Sabri Bekdas, who invested heavily for last season's campaign but has since been forced to sell goalkeeper Radoslaw Majdan and two strikers – Grzegorz Mielcarski and Brazilian Brasilia.

Polonia Warsaw (Pol)

COACH: Werner Licka.
STADIUM: Polonia (7,450).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Krzysztalowicz - Golaszewski, Kaliszan, Zvirgzdauskas, Kaczorowski - Bartczak, Pawlak, Ekwueme, Dabrowski - Bak, Bykowski.

Now one of the top sides in Poland, Polonia have grown up in every sense in recent years, winning the clean sweep of trophies – League, League Cup and Super Cup in 2000, and the Polish Cup in 2001. After losing to Panathinaikos in the preliminary round of last year's Champions League, new coach Licka has switched to a 4-4-2 system. He believes that Polonia, with so many talented players, all in their early 20s, will be among the best three sides in the Polish League at the end of the season.

Pribram (Cze)

COACH: Jiri Kotrba.
STADIUM: Na Litavce (10,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Caloun - Podzemsky, Smejkal, Macha - Kucera, Jarolim, Novak, Riegel, Otepka - Kulic, Siegl.

It's been a long time since the club formerly known as Dukla Prague competed in European competition. The name and home town are not the only things to have changed since the former army team's glory days. Pribram's ambitions are more modest today, but under highly-rated coach Kotrba, they have become a strong team. Occasional Czech international Horst Siegl provides the firepower up front while other Sparta and Slavia cast-offs lend experience to a team worthy of opponents' respect.

Puchov (Slk)

COACH: Jozef Suran.
STADIUM: Puchov (5,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Bernady - Ovad, Buchta, Zavaternik, Holcik - Kraus, Strba, Belak, Talda - Pernis, Breska.

Puchov finished seventh in the 10-team Slovak First Division last season, but qualified for the UEFA Cup as a Fair Play club and are playing in European competition for the first time in their 80-year history. Coach Jozef Suran has built his team around his new strikeforce – 21-year-old Mario Breska has been brought in from Nitra to partner Lubomir Pernis.

Rapid Bucharest (Rom)

COACH: Viorel Hizo.
STADIUM: Rapid (18,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Dolha - Stanciu, Dinca, Soava, Iencsi - Maldarasanu, Schumacher, Sabau, Perja - Sumudica, Pancu.

Beset by financial problems as the season kicked off, with president George Copos threatening to withdraw his financial backing. Hizo is back as coach and has a potent striker in Marius Sumudica. Key player is national team midfielder Marius Maldarasanu.

Rapid Wien (Aut)

COACHES: Peter Persidis and Herbert Feurer (caretakers).
STADIUM: Gerhard Hanappi (19,600).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Maier - Schottel, Ratajczyk, Jazic - Freund, Hiden, Taument, Lagonakis, Saler - Wagner, Wallner.

Rapid certainly will not be brimming with confidence in Europe. It was bad enough to suffer embarrassing League defeats against Karnten (3-0) and Grazer AK (4-0). But a 2-1 derby loss to struggling Austria Wien was the last straw and coach Ernst Dokupil was shown the door. As recently as 1996, Rapid were runners-up to Paris Saint-Germain in the Cup-winners Cup. Those days seem an eternity away.

Roda JC (Hol)

COACH: Jan Van Dijk.
STADIUM: Parkstad Limburg (20,000).
LINE-UP (4-3-3): Kalac - Senden, Vrede, Luypers, Sonkaya - Van Dessel, Van Dijk, Berglund - Nygaard, Anastasiou, Soetaers.

The team that somehow always seem to qualify for Europe. They have a lot for which to thank rich uncle and board member Nol Hendriks. His contacts in Belgium mean that the Kerkrade club always manage to sign talented players, who blossom at the club before being sold to bigger ones. However, they won't be a surprise package in Europe – Roda are hoping to survive just one or two rounds.

Ruzomberok (Slk)

COACH: Mikulas Komanicky.
STADIUM: Ruzomberok (6,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Mucha - Zatek Klimpl, Mikulas - Spanik, Fabula, Kurty, Safranko, Rak - Hazucha, Oravec.

Stunned Slovakia's big teams by reaching the domestic Cup Final last year. They lost to Double winners Inter Bratislava, but showed they were a class act, finishing third in the League and qualifying for Europe for the first time. Coach Komanicky arrived over the summer as the club battled to keep their sponsors.

Santa Coloma (And)

COACH: Martin Temino.
LINE-UP: Martins da Silva, Ferron Perrez, Fernandez Ariza, Ferreira da Ressurreicao, Ayala Diaz, Pinto Gomes, Rovra Cuadros, Aguirre Santinelli, Oliveira Goncalves, Coelho Macedo, Soria Gomez.

The Andorran champions gave Partizan Belgrade a shock in the qualifying round, with their physical game provoking Partizan captain Sasa Ilic into a challenge that led to his dismissal.

Sarajevo (Bos)

COACH: Fuad Muzurovic.
STADIUM: Kosevo (37,500).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Pintol - Krupinac, Suljagic, Zukic - Berberovic, Sasivarevic, Osmanhodzic, Ferhatovic, Uscuplic - A Mesanovic, Saranovic.

The most powerful club in the Bosnia-Herzegovina League are keen to win back the title from neighbours Zeljeznicar. To that effect they have hired former national coach Muzurovic.

Sedan (Fra)

COACH: Alex Dupont.
STADIUM: Louis Dugauguez (17,000).
LINE-UP (4-2-2-2): Sachy - Montero, Satorra, Oliveira, Jezierski - Diao, Brando - Camara, Brocard - N'Diefi, Peyrelade.

The Ardennes club were the last French squad to report for pre-season training and it has showed through their sluggish start to the new campaign. It has not helped that top scorer Cedric Mionnet has a broken leg and that creative leading light Olivier Quint decided to move to Nantes this summer. Though it was always asking a lot, the left-sided midfielder simply has not been replaced. One piece of good news – experienced keeper Nicolas Sachy is back after long-term injury.

Servette (Swi)

COACH: Lucien Favre.
STADIUM: Charmilles (9,250).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Pedat - Jacquet, Wolf, Londono, Bratic - Clainton, Fournier, Lonfat, Oruma - Frei, Thurre.

Servette have not had a happy start to the season and were lying in seventh place in the Swiss League after five rounds. The departure of key players, including striker Marcin Petrov to Wolfsburg, without adequate replacements has considerably weakened the Swiss Cup winners. The owners, TV network Canal Plus, were seeking to sell their majority stake in order to comply with UEFA rules on club ownership (they also own Paris Saint-Germain, who were seeking to qualify for the UEFA Cup via the InterToto). With team morale at an all-time low, coach Favre was hoping the arrival of the Brazilians Clainton and Enilton will lift team spirits.

Middle man...Pribram's Lukas Jarolim

Shafa (Aze)

COACH: Asker Abdullaev.
STADIUM: Shafa (8,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Poladov - Dzabarrov, R Mamedov, Spirin, M Mamedov - Kitelman, Imamaliev, Tagizade, Musayev - Rakhmanov, Musayev.

The Azeri Cup winners, whose players form the nucleus of the national Under-21 side. The club will start the European season in a new, purpose-built stadium.

Shakhtyor Soligorsk (Bls)

COACH: Nikolay Kostukevich.
STADIUM: Stroitel (5,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Marteshkin - Turdyev, Dovnar, Leonchik, Khodzhaev - Milevsky, Yurevich, Rapeiko, Trepachkin - Nikiforenko, Tikhonchik.

An amateur team until 1992, Belorussians Shakhtyor qualified for the UEFA Cup through the Fair Play route. The best players are goalkeeper Alexander Marteshkin and holding midfielder Andrey Milevsky.

Shelbourne (Ire)

COACH: Dermot Keely.
STADIUM: Tolka Park (11,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Williams - Heary, Hutton, McCarthy, Minnock - R Baker, Fenlon, Byrne, D Baker - Geoghegan, Foran.

Playing in Europe for the seventh consecutive season, Shelbourne lost influential captain Pat Scully, to Shamrock Rovers during the summer. But they still have the exciting, if temperamental, Richie Foran in attack.

Silkeborg (Den)

COACH: Benny Johansen.
STADIUM: Silkeborg (10,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Kjaer - Ottosen, Zivkovic, Larsen, Duus - Poulsen, Thygesen, Juhl, Pedersen - Alkhag, Lindorff.

Very close to becoming Danish champions last season, thanks to the guidance of experienced coach Benny Johansen. Silkeborg remain a compact, all-round professional outfit, but will surely feel the loss of their main striker, Henrik 'The Carpenter' Pedersen. He was lured away by the riches of the English Premiership, to Bolton. The Danes' hopes of progress lie with their strong defence, which is marshalled by Bora Zivkovic, and a fine goalkeeper in Peter Kjaer. However, a lack of goals is likely to prove an insurmountable barrier.

Sliema Wanderers (Mlt)

COACH: Jeff Wood.
STADIUM: National, Ta' Qali (16,514).
LINE-UP (4-3-1-2): M Akanji - Said, Buhagiar, Dimech, Di Carlo - Beghetto, Amil, Busuttil - Turner - Doncic, Veselji.

Over the summer, Sliema made five new foreign signings: Italians Massimo Beghetto and Domenico Di Carlo, both from Vicenza, and Nigeria's international goalkeeper Murphy Akanji, compatriot Jude Amil Utulu and Yugoslav striker Danilo Doncic. The Blues are now coached by Englishman Wood, at the helm of Colchester United last term.

Slovan Bratislava (Slk)

COACH: Anton Dragun.
STADIUM: Tehelne pole (30,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Prole - Sobona, Petrus, Mojic - Pecko, Hrncar, Kljestan, Necas, Ujlaky - Meszaros, Obzera.

Slovan lost the Slovak League to rivals Inter on the final weekend of last season. The summer brought changes, with a new coach, Anton Dragun from Trencin, who brought highly-rated defender Vladimir Cifranic with him. Defender Dragan Mojic and midfielder Nebojsa Kljestan were bought from Yugoslavs Hajduk Kula. In mid-August national team striker Lubomir Meszaros returned to action after a close-season operation.

Slovan Liberec (Cze)

COACH: Ladislav Skorpil.
STADIUM: Mestsky (6,808).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Kinsky - Lukas, Pilny, Johana - Holenak, Janu, Kolousek, Hodur, Neumann - Stajner, Nezmar (Baffour).

Liberec, sixth in the Czech League, reached Europe only because Viktoria Zizkov's Cup win freed another qualification slot. The north Bohemians seem unlikely to set Europe alight but should provide solid opposition. Slovak Rastislav Michalik orchestrated much of Liberec's play last season and his departure to Sparta Prague on loan is a blow. However, the addition of midfielder Vaclav Kolousek, previously with Italians Salernitana, lends quality to the team, as does defender Petr Johana.

Sporting Lisbon (Por)

COACH: Ladislau Boloni.
STADIUM: Jose Alvalade (52,500).
LINE-UP (4-2-3-1): Nelson - Cesar Prates, Andre Cruz, Beto, Rui Jorge - Rui Bento, Paulo Bento - Luis Filipe, Joao Pinto, Sa Pinto - Niculae.

Sporting are banking on Romanian expertise this season. Ex-Romania boss Ladislau Boloni comes in as head coach, while spearheading the attack will be compatriot Marius Niculae, who was bought from Dinamo Bucharest. Other new boys include defensive midfielder Rui Bento (ex-Boavista) and talented young right-winger Luis Filipe (Braga). Danish keeper Peter Schmeichel left for Aston Villa, but the Lions have an adequate replacement in Nelson.

On the ball...Rui Jorge patrols the left flank of the Sporting Lisbon defence

St Gallen (Swi)

COACH: Marcel Koller.
STADIUM: Espenmoos (11,300).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Stockli - Berger, Imhof, Zellweger, Dal Santo - Muller, Guido, Jairo, Jenny - Jefferson, Gane.

The dethroned Swiss champions lost several key players in the summer, including long-time keeper Jurg Stiel to Monchengladbach. Coach Koller has lowered his target to just qualifying for the eight-team championship play-offs next spring.

Standard Liege (Blg)

COACH: Michel Preud'homme.
STADIUM: Sclessin (26,659).
LINE-UP (4-3-3): Susnjara - Ernst, Okpara, Van Meir, Dragutinovic - Lukunku, Meyssen, Walem - Moreira, Arst/Cavens, Vandooren.

Former Belgium keeper Preud'homme is the latest coach to be entrusted with the task of reviving the good times at Sclessin. Not since the Belgian Cup triumph of 1993 have Standard taken a major honour, which is a scandal for a club of such size. Preud'homme has revamped the squad since its latest failure to make an impact on the title race. Four key players have gone, including the pair offloaded to Marseille, goalkeeper Vedran Runje and central defender Daniel Van Buyten. Among the many intriguing new signings are Belgian internationals Johan Walem, Jurgen Cavens and Eric Van Meir.

Strasbourg (Fra)

COACH: Ivan Hasek.
STADIUM: Stade de la Meinau (29,000).
LINE-UP (4-3-1-2): Chilavert (Debes) - Fischer, N'Gambi, Bertin, Ehret - Camadini, Bassila, Johansen - Martins - Luyindula (Belloso), Ljuboja.

European competition is not the main priority for the French Cup winners, who seek a swift return to the elite after last season's relegation. Since they are £11million in debt, they already have one hand tied behind their back. Their two most marketable assets, striker Pegguy Luyindula and Paraguayan keeper Jose Luis Chilavert, remain for the moment, but for how much longer? The new coach is Ivan Hasek, ex-Sparta Prague and a boss of the iron rod variety.

Tirana (Alb)

COACH: Shkelqim Muca.
STADIUM: Qemal Stafa (20,000).
LINE-UP (3-4-3): Nallbani - Dede, Alimehmeti (Zere), Hajdari (Sheta) - Sina, Mema, Bulku, Tafaj (Devolli) - Kenesei, Arberi, Fortuzi.

Tirana missed the Albanian title last season by a whisker and had to content themselves with the Cup. But they are favourites to win this season's title after strengthening their squad with striker Klodian Arberi from Tomori, midfielder Bledar Devolli (Luftetari) and defender Arjan Zere (Teuta).

Torpedo Moscow (Rus)

COACH: Vitali Shevchenko.
STADIUM: Luzniki (84,745).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Berezovski - Malai, Dayev, Leonchenko, Lukhvich - Gashkin, Semshov, Kormiltsev, Zyryanov - Vyazmikin, Kamoltsev.

Third in last year's Russian League, Torpedo impressed many with their performances despite having only a small squad. Striker Dmitri Vyazmikin is one of the League's top marksman, while Igor Semshov and ex-Kyiv Dynamo playmaker Sergei Kormiltsev form a fine partnership in midfield. But former Zenit goalkeeper Roman Berezovski lacks consistency.

Total Network Solutions (Wal)

COACH: Ken McKenna.
STADIUM (for UEFA Cup): Racecourse Ground, Wrexham (15,500).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Deegan - Holmes, Edwards, Morgan, Coathup - Jenkins, Evans, Alexander, Ward - Antrobus, Toner/Wright.

Made the headlines when, as Llansantffraid FC, the club from a village of fewer than 1,000 inhabitants won the Welsh Cup in 1996. After snatching the League title from Barry in 1999-2000, their venture into the Champions League was short-lived as they went out to Levadia Maardu of Estonia. Backed by computer network company Total Network Solutions and their ambitious chairman, Mike Harris.

Trans Narva (Est)

COACH: Anatoli Belov.
STADIUM: Kreenholm (2,000).
LINE-UP: Djachenko - Jagudin, Vjalov, Lipartov, Karin, Toshsev, Kolotsev, Gorjachev, Zamorski, Kurochkin, Gruznov.

Estonian Cup winners who looked set for an early exit from the qualifying round, but were awarded a 3-0 victory in the first leg by UEFA after Sweden's Elfsborg fielded an ineligible player. Key man is striker Maksim Gruznov.

Twente (Hol)

COACH: John van't Schip.
STADIUM: Arke (13,350).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Boschker - Van der Weerden, Pothuizen, Grujic, Pojak - Van der Laan, Van der Doelen, Ten Hag, Van der Leegte - Houwing, Booth.

The surprise Dutch Cup winners have finally given Enschede something to cheer about after last year's firework disaster. They had an unsuccessful League season, finishing only 11th, but the Cup Final triumph, when they beat PSV on penalties, saved their day. A new, inexperienced coach, John van't Schip, is likely to draw heavily on his Ajax background but it remains to be seen if the team can adjust.

Union Berlin (Ger)

COACH: Georgi Vassilev.
STADIUM: Alte Forsterei (25,000).
LINE-UP (3-4-3): Beuckert - Persich, Menze, Ernemann - Koilov, Widolov, Nikol, Fiel - Chifon, Ristic, Isa.

Last season was a vintage one for Union, who won promotion to the German Second Division and unexpectedly reached the Cup Final – where they lost 2-0 to Schalke. But the current campaign could be even more satisfying for Berlin's second club. A rip-roaring start to the new domestic campaign has encouraged many to predict a Bundesliga future for them and they may have a surprise or two in store for opponents in Europe. Their danger man is striker Sreto Ristic.

Utrecht (Hol)

COACH: Frans Adelaar.
STADIUM: Nieuw Galgenwaard (14,217).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Wapenaar - Vreven, Touzani, Zwaanswijk, Shew-Atjon - Tanghe, Jochemsen, Bosschaart, Van Mol - Kuyt, Gluscevic.

An ambitious club with demanding supporters. Coach Adelaar has steered them into Europe after a 10-year absence. A very solid, combative team with no star players, the fans' favourite is Belgian Stijn Vreven, a hard-working, tough-tackling, run-till-you-drop right-back.

Vaduz (Lie)

COACH: Uwe Wegmann.
STADIUM: Rheinpark (10,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Crespo - Niederhauser, Gonzalez, Ritter - Telser, Polverino, Wegmann, Muller, Beck - Merenda, Slekys.

The first side from the principality of Liechtenstein to be promoted to the Swiss national leagues (Liga B), Vaduz are also Liechtenstein Cup holders. Player-coach Wegmann has signed Moreno Merenda (Baden), Andre Newhauser (Schaffhausen) and Thomas Beck (Grasshopper).

Valencia (Spa)

COACH: Rafa Benitez.
STADIUM: Mestalla (55,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Canizares - Angloma, Pellegrino, Ayala, Carboni - Rufete, Baraja, Aimar, Kily Gonzalez - Carew, Salva.

A huge comedown for last season's Champions League finalists, who face an uphill struggle in maintaining the success of recent years without coach Hector Cuper and midfielder Gaizka Mendieta, both hugely influential figures. There were further problems at the club over the summer, with Pedro Cortes resigning as president. There was speculation, too, over the future of Kily Gonzalez, who wanted to follow Mendieta to Italy. New coach Rafa Benitez lost out to Deportivo in the race to sign Espanyol midfielder Sergio, and failed to persuade Marcelo Salas to leave Lazio. But Spain striker Salva will provide much-needed firepower, and midfielder Rufete, Brazilian full-back Belletti and centre-back Marchena are all useful additions to the squad.

Useful addition...Valencia central defender Marchena

Vardar (Mac)

COACH: Gjoko Hadzievski.
STADIUM: Gradski (14,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Zekir (Ilic) - Janev (Vasovski) Stojanov, Stamenovski (Novakov) - Veselinovski, Gosev, Zaharievski, Ristevski (Angelov), Braga - Bozinov (Nacevski), Petkov (Bajevski).

The Skopje club's most successful coach, former Macedonia manager Hadzievski, is back, and a host of new signings, led by Bulgarian Mario Petkov, second top scorer in the Macedonian championship last season, offered hope that Vardar could provide some resistance to Standard Liege in the qualifying round.

Varteks (Cro)

COACH: Branko Janzek.
STADIUM: Varteks (10,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Rumbak - Andricevic, Granic, Kastel - Sabolcki, Mukaj, Drobne, Mumlek, Hrman - Bjelanovic, Karic.

The club was recently rocked by the death in a car crash of their president Andjelko Herjavec, who financed their rise from Fourth Division to First. Herjavec's last big move was to secure the return of excellent playmaker Milijenko Mumlek, from Dinamo Zagreb to his home town club. Key player is striker Sasa Bjelanovic.

Ventspils (Lat)

COACH: Paul Eshwort.
STADIUM: Daugava (5,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Romanov - Troitsky, Smirnov, Lukashevich, Korablyov - Stepanov, Stukalin, Ytchouk, Bichka - Landirev, Rimkus.

Runners-up in the Latvian League last season under English coach Eshwort, Ventspils are a hard-working side whose key figures are 35-year-old midfielder Igor Stepanov and strikers Vitas Rimkus and Yevgeny Landirev.

Viking (Nor)

COACH: Benny Lennartson.
STADIUM: Stavanger (17,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Andersen - Dahl, Kuivasto, Tihinen, Pereira - Sanne, Lunde Arsheim, Fuglestad, Berre - Nevland, Berland.

The aristocrats of Norwegian club football have been top of the League for most of this season. Swedish coach Lennartson is in his second spell with Viking. Goals from striker Erik Nevland and midfielder Erik Fuglestad have been crucial, as has a solid defence, marshalled by Finns Hannu Tihinen and Toni Kuivasto.

Viktoria Zizkov (Cze)

COACH: Zdenek Scasny.
STADIUM: FK Viktoria (8,000).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Pizanowski - Buryan, Mlejnsky, Hunal, Mikulik - Straceny, Pikl, Sabou, Smarda - Chihuri, Pospisil.

Prague's smallest and quaintest professional team returned to Europe for the first time since 1995, after winning the Czech Cup. It's doubtful, however, whether their antiquated ground will meet UEFA approval. On the field, a promising team has blossomed under former Sparta Prague boss Scasny. Veteran Zimbabwe midfielder Kennedy Chihuri's transformation to striker has provided more bite in attack.

Westerlo (Blg)

COACH: Jan Ceulemans.
STADIUM: Kuipje (10,278).
LINE-UP (4-4-2): Deelens - Lammens, Machiels, Ba, De Coninck - Schaessens, Serneels, Willemsen, Delen - Van den Bossche, Severeyns.

Belgian Cup winners do not become rich overnight unless they part with all their best players. Frugally-organised Westerlo had no need of such drastic measures after capturing their first major honour, losing only Czech Republic midfielder Lucas Zelenka. In a close season of minimal transfer activity the only significant newcomers were Sammy Van den Bossche and centre-forward Cisse Severeyns. If nothing else, coach Jan Ceulemans should have a squad making up in cohesion for what it lacks in glamour.

Zalgiris Vilnius (Lit)

COACH: Eugenijus Riabovas.
STADIUM: Zalgiris (13,000).
LINE-UP (5-4-1): Leusas - Klisys, Tolis, Novikovas, Sobolis, Zuk - Lemezis, Preiksaitis, Barevicius, Vileniskis - Vasiliauskas.

The Lithuanian champions faced an almost certain exit after being beaten 6-0 by Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv in the qualifying round first leg.

Licence to attack...Zaragoza's goalscoring midfielder Juanele

Zaragoza (Spa)

COACH: Txetxu Rojo.
STADIUM: La Romareda (34,000).
LINE-UP (4-5-1): Juanmi - Aguado, Paco, Pablo, Esquerdinha - Acuna, Jose Ignacio, Aragon, Juanele - Jamelli.

It was back to the drawing board and the transfer market for the Spanish Cup winners after their prize summer signing, Yugoslav striker Goran Drulic, damaged knee ligaments in training and faced a six-month lay-off.

Zimbru Chisinau (Mol)

COACH: Vladimir Veber.
STADIUM: Republican (16,000).
LINE-UP (3-5-2): Romanenco - Olexic, Catinsus, Kulik - Cebotari, Berco, Curtian, Epureanu, Arhire - Miterev, Ahalaia.

Moldova's most successful team (eight titles in 10 seasons) lost a nine-point advantage over the second half of last season and ended up in the UEFA Cup as a result.

InterToto Cup

The three 'finals', from which the winners qualify for the UEFA Cup, were delicately poised going into the second legs.

Bobby Robson's Newcastle were awaiting the return of Alan Shearer and Kieron Dyer from long-term injuries. Opponents Troyes have been weakened by summer sales, but coach Alain Perrin is a shrewd operator.

Brescia, for whom a revitalised Roberto Baggio is a key figure, pulled off a summer coup by signing striker Toni from Vicenza. Much-changed opponents Paris Saint-Germain have an explosive strikeforce in Nicolas Anelka and Brazilian Ronaldinho.

Aston Villa's campaign was marred by a row between David Ginola and manager John Gregory over the player's weight then failure to obtain a work permit for Croatian striker Bosko Balaban. Opponents Basle, coached by former Spurs and Grasshopper boss Christian Gross, will look to Murat Yakin and George Koumantarakis for goals.

Compiled by Gavin Hamilton. Contributions from Domenico Aquilina (Malta), Sam Beckwith (Czech Republic), Nick Bidwell (Austria, France, Germany, Portugal), Tim Brice (Luxembourg), Hasan Cemali (Turkey), Rab Christie (Faroe Islands, Iceland), Graeme Crawford (Liechtenstein), Sean Creedon (Republic of Ireland), Klaas-Jan Droppert (Holland), Lou Economopoulos (Greece), Simon Evans (Hungary), Alan Fairley (Scotland), Miron Goihman (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova), Victor Gusev (Russia), Nicholas Harling (Belgium), Pentti Hietanen (Finland, Sweden), Jim Holden (Denmark), Ed Holt (Slovakia), Valery Karpoushkin (Latvia), Dariusz Kurowski (Poland), Ori Lewis (Israel), Vladimir Novak (Yugoslavia), Gezim Nushi (Albania), Sigurd Odegaard (Norway), Zdravko Reic (Bosnia, Croatia, Slovenia), Michel Stojmanovski (Macedonia), Soulis Theodosiou (Cyprus), Mel Thomas (Wales), Ivar von Rulach (Switzerland), Oleg Zadernovsky (Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine)

Greece is the word...Otto Rehhagel

Rehhagel takes charge of Greece

COACHES ON THE MOVE

Otto Rehhagel has been appointed as coach of the Greek national side, replacing Vasilis Daniel. The former Werder Bremen and Kaiserslautern coach has signed a three-year contract, reportedly worth £200,000 a year. Javier Clemente, Nevio Scala, Marco Tardelli and Terry Venables were the other names considered for the job.

Varuzhan Sukiasyan quit as coach of Armenian champions Araks after losing to Serif of Moldova in the first qualifying round of the Champions League.

Gordon Igesund has resigned as coach of Orlando Pirates a month after winning the League title, citing family reasons.

Veteran Croatian coach **Tomislav Ivic** has left Marseille, and has been replaced by his assistant, **Jose Anigo**.

Jorge Habegger is the new coach of Bolivia, replacing **Carlos Aragones**, who stepped down after the poor performance at the Copa America.

Mehdin Zhega has stepped down as coach of Albania.

Ari Haan was sacked as coach of Austria Wien, just hours after beating local rivals Rapid, who also sacked their coach, the long-serving **Ernst Dokupil**.

Sergei Andreyev is the new man at Russian side Chernomorets, replacing Viktor Zernov.

Alfonso Mondelo has left MLS side Columbus Crew.

Alexander Chivadze is the new national coach of Georgia.

In Spain, **Bernd Krauss** has been confirmed as the new coach of Mallorca, while **Fernando Vazquez** has taken charge of Las Palmas. Former Rayo Vallecano coach **Juande Ramos** is the new man at promoted Betis, while Zaragoza have appointed **Txetxu Rojo**.

Viorel Hizo has returned to Rapid Bucharest, replacing Mircea Rednic.

Ramon Diaz is the new coach of River Plate in Argentina.

In Italy, former Parma coach **Alberto Malesani** has been confirmed as the new coach of Verona.

Ryszard Kormornicki's spell as coach of Lucerne lasted five games. He was fired after a 4-0 home defeat by Young Boys. Raimondo Ponte was named as interim coach.

In Holland, there were a number of new appointments for the new season. In addition to Frank Rijkaard at Sparta, Fortuna Sittard appointed **Hans Verel**, **Dwight Lodeweges** took charge at Groningen, and **Wiljan Vloet** at Den Bosch. Others were **John van't Schip** at Twente and **Jan Van Dijk** at Roda JC.

COACHES STAYING ON

Carles Rexach has extended his contract at Barcelona by two years.

INTERNATIONAL INS AND OUTS

Bastia defender **Cyril Domoraud** was included in the Ivory Coast squad for the first time in almost 18 months, when the party was named to face Madagascar in the recent World Cup qualifier.

Paris Saint-Germain teenager **Keith Kelly** was called up by Jamaica for their World Cup qualifier against Trinidad & Tobago, the first time the 18-year-old has been selected.

Young Bayern Munich midfielder **Owen Hargreaves** made his debut for the senior England side in the 2-0 friendly defeat by Holland at White Hart Lane.

Crystal Palace striker **Clinton Morrison** scored on his debut for the Republic of Ireland in their 2-2 friendly draw with Croatia.

Alen Boksic was recalled to the Croatia squad for that game. The forward had announced his international retirement last year.

Romario was left out of Brazil's squad for the crucial World Cup qualifier against Paraguay.

PLAYERS STAYING ON

French midfielder **Olivier Dacourt** has signed a new five-year contract with Leeds.

Darren Anderton has agreed to stay on at Tottenham, signing a new four-year deal.

OUT OF ACTION

Yugoslav striker **Goran Drulic** will be out of action for around six months after damaging knee ligaments shortly after joining Real Zaragoza for £7million from Red Star Belgrade.

Former Danish international **Michael Schjonberg** has decided to quit the game after failing to recover from a persistent knee injury. The defender, who has been at Kaiserslautern since 1996, played 44 times for Denmark, including all three games at Euro 2000.

Former England and Manchester United defender **Gary Pallister** has retired at the age of 36. The centre-back, who had been at Middlesbrough since summer 1998, never fully recovered from a back operation last season and a subsequent injury to a foot nerve. Pallister won four League titles, three FA Cups and the European Cup-winners Cup during his time at Old Trafford, and represented England 22 times.

OBITUARY

Clebson Morieira Santos, 22, the Vasco da Gama defender, was killed when his car collided with a truck on a highway near Bahia in June.

TRANSFERS

Deportivo land Sergio, but Jardel stays

DEPORTIVO La Coruna have completed the signing of highly-rated Spanish international midfielder **Sergio** from Espanyol in a deal worth £11million.

At one stage, Sergio looked set to join Valencia, with a number of other clubs showing an interest.

One transfer that did not go through was that of Brazilian striker **Mario Jardel** from Galatasaray to Marseille. Complications over OM's ability to pay the fee led to the collapse of the deal. Jardel has since been linked with FC Porto, Monaco and Hamburg, but at press time, he looked to be staying in Turkey.

Boudewijn Zenden has joined Chelsea in a £6m deal from Barcelona. Zenden followed his new team-mate Emmanuel Petit in condemning the Spanish club for forcing him out. "At Barcelona things sometimes aren't what they seem. Sometimes it's 11 against 11, and one plus one is two. But in Barcelona one plus one could be three or four."

Another Dutchman moving to England was keeper **Edwin Van der Sar**, who joined Fulham for £10m. The Cottagers also signed French midfielder **Steed Malbranque** and young Chelsea defender **Jon Harley**.

Other Premiership sides adding to their squads included Liverpool, who took the Czech Under-21 international **Milan Baros** from Banik Ostrava, Aston Villa, who signed Croatian international **Bosko Balaban** – work permit permitting – and Derby, who finally completed the signing of **Fabrizio Ravanelli** from Lazio.

Back in Spain, Valencia used some of the money from the sale of Gaizka Mendieta to Lazio to bring in Spanish international **Salva** (Atletico Madrid) and Uruguayan midfielder **Gonzalo De los Santos** (Malaga).

Date with Deportivo...Sergio

Celta Vigo made three important loan signings – former Croatia captain **Zvonimir Boban** from Milan, striker **Florian Maurice** (Marseille) and midfielder **Peter Luccin** (PSG). All three deals are for one year.

Newly-promoted Betis have taken Nigerian international **Victor Ikpeba** on loan from Borussia Dortmund for the season.

In the clear...Frank De Boer

De Boer reprieved by UEFA

UEFA's court of appeal has reduced the drugs suspension imposed on Barcelona's Frank De Boer, enabling the Dutch captain to resume playing on September 1.

De Boer's appeal was partially upheld by the court, which concluded that it was likely that the player took the prohibited substances by means of contaminated food substances. De Boer had originally been banned for 12 months after testing positive for nandrolone following a match on March 15 between Barcelona and Celta Vigo.

De Boer had always protested his innocence. "My conscience is clear. I am innocent," he told *World Soccer* in May.

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PLAYER		FROM	TO
Jacques ABARDONADO	M	Marseille	Lorient (loan)
ADRIANO (Leite Ribeiro Adriano)	F	Flamengo	Internazionale
ADRIANO	F	Guarani	Nagoya Grampus Eight
Victor AGALI	F	Hansa Rostock	Schalke
Alessandro AGOSTINI	M	Ternana	Fiorentina
Roland AGUILERA	M	Columbus Crew	New England Rev
AHMET Yildirim	M	Galatasaray	Besiktas
Jorg ALBERTZ	M	Rangers	Hamburg
ALEX De Sousa Alexsandro	M	Palmeiras	Parma
ALEX Dias de Almeida	F	Saint-Etienne	Paris Saint-Germain (loan)
ALI Akdeniz	D	Samsunspor	Fenerbahce
John ALOISI	F	Coventry	Osasuna
ALOISIO	F	Saint-Etienne	Paris Saint-Germain
Moudachirou AMADOU	D	Hannover	St Pauli
Jose AMAVISCA	M	Racing Santander	Dep La Coruna
Raffaele AMETRANO	M	Crotone	Juventus
Marcio AMOROSO	F	Parma	Borussia Dortmund
Nicola AMORUSO	F	Napoli	Juventus
Gharib AMZINE	M	Strasbourg	Troyes
Anders ANDERSSON	F	AaB Aalborg	Benfica
Daniel ANDERSSON	M	Bari	Venezia
Patrik ANDERSSON	D	Bayern Munich	Barcelona
Pierre-Yves ANDRE	F	Bastia	Nantes
Philip ANIANKA	D	Cotonou	Auxerre
ARGEL	D	Palmeiras	Benfica
Faustino ASPRILLA	F	Fluminense	Atlante
Carlos AURELIO	M	Cosenza	Brescia
AYHAN Akman	M	Besiktas	Galatasaray
Ibrahim BA	M	Milan	Marseille (loan)
Tijani BABANGIDA	F	Ajax	Vitesse (loan)
Jonathan BACHINI	M	Juventus	Parma
Allan BAK JENSEN	F	Midtjylland	Heerenveen
Taulant BAKIU	D	Elbasani	Partizani
Bosko BALABAN	F	Dinamo Zagreb	Aston Villa
Hanno BALITSCH	D	Waldhof Mannheim	Koln
Michael BALL	D	Everton	Rangers
Sergio BALLESTEROS	D	Rayo Vallecano	Villarreal
Cedric BARDON	F	Rennes	Guingamp
Milan BAROS	F	Banik Ostrava	Liverpool
Shaun BARTLETT	F	Zurich	Charlton (permanent from loan)
Salaheddine BASSIR	F	Dep La Coruna	Lille
Yildiray BASTURK	M	Bochum	Bayer Leverkusen
Jose BASUALDO	M	Extremadura	Velez Sarsfield
Zoubaier BAYA	M	Freiburg	Besiktas
Craig BELLAMY	F	Coventry	Newcastle
David BELLION	F	Cannes	Sunderland
Claudio BELLUCCI	F	Napoli	Bologna
Houssine BENALI	M	Ethnikos Astir	Panionios
Mehdi BEN SLIMANE	F	Al Nasr	Freiburg
Mirco BENIN	M	Ternana	Fiorentina
Argend BEQIRI	F	Sloga Jugomagnat	Dinamo Moscow
Fredrik BERGLUND	F	Elfsborg	Roda JC
Jorge BERMUDEZ	D	Boca Juniors	Olympiakos
Lucas BERNARDI	M	Marseille	Monaco
Vladimir BESCHASTNYKH	F	Racing Santander	Moscow Spartak
Emiliano BILIOTTI	F	Ravenna	Lecce
Jonatan BINOTTO	M	Bologna	Internazionale
David BISCONTI	M	Charleroi	Aberdeen
Morten BISGAARD	M	Udinese	FC Copenhagen
Joachim BJORKLUND	D	Valencia	Venezia
Serge BLANC	D	Lyon	Montpellier
Luis BOA MORTE	F	Southampton	Fulham (permanent from loan)
Zvonimir BOBAN	M	Milan	Celta Vigo (loan)
Kevin BOBSON	F	Ajax	NAC Breda (loan)
Roberto BONANO	G	River Plate (Arg)	Barcelona
Emiliano BONAZZOLI	F	Verona	Parma
Giacomo BONORA	M	Fiorentina	Pistoiese
Camille BORIOS	D	Martigues	Marseille
Fabien BOUDARENE	M	Saint-Etienne	Sochaux
Frederic BRANDO	M	Marseille	Sedan
BRASILIA	F	Pogon	Energie Cottbus
Mauro BRESSAN	M	Fiorentina	Venezia
Matteo BRIGHI	M	Juventus	Bologna
Jerome BROCARD	F	Gent	Sedan
Gianluigi BUFFON	G	Parma	Juventus
Goran BUNJEVCEVIC	D	Red Star Belgrade	Tottenham
Hans-Jorg BUTT	G	Hamburg	Bayer Leverkusen
Miguel CACERES	F	Levante	Olimpia
Henri CAMARA	F	Grasshopper	Sedan
Sol CAMPBELL	D	Tottenham	Arsenal
Marco CANIERA	D	Reggina	Internazionale
Claudio CANIGGIA	F	Dundee	Rangers
Giuseppe CARDONE	D	Vicenza	Piacenza
Roy CARROLL	G	Wigan	Manchester United
Steven CARSON	M	Rangers	Dundee United
Antonio CASSANO	F	Bari	Roma
Simone CAVALLI	F	Carrarese	Chievo
Nastja CEH	M	Maribor	Club Brugge
Christian Sebastian CEJAS	G	Newell's Old Boys	Roma
Mathias CENCI	F	Quilmes	St Pauli
CESAR	D	Sao Caetano	Lazio
CEYHUN	M	Siirt Jet-Pa	Fenerbahce
Costas CHALKIAS	G	Panathinaikos	Iraklis
Javier CHEVANTON	F	Danubio	Lecce
Georgi CHILIKOV	F	Neftohimik	Levski Sofia
Philippe CHRISTANVAL	D	Monaco	Barcelona
CHRISTIAN	F	Paris Saint-Germain	Bordeaux
Matt CLARKE	G	Bradford	Fulham (loan)
CLAUDIO CACAPA	D	Atletico Mineiro	Lyon (permanent from loan)
Pieter COLLEN	D	NEC Nijmegen	Feyenoord
Corrado COLOMBO	F	Torino	Atalanta
Gianni COMANDINI	F	Milan	Atalanta
David CONNOLLY	F	Feyenoord	Wimbledon
Michalis CONSTANTINOU	F	Iraklis	Panathinaikos
Cosmin CONTRA	D	Alaves	Milan
Pablo CONTRERAS	D	Racing Club	Celta Vigo
Ferdinando COPPOLA	G	Napoli	Bologna
Eduardo COSTA	M	Gremio	Bordeaux
Paolo CRISTALLINI	M	Piacenza	Vicenza
CRISTOBAL	D	Espanyol	Paris Saint-Germain
Eric CUBILIER	D	Nice	Monaco
Mario CVITANOVIC	D	Verona	Venezia
Francisco DA COSTA	M	Monaco	FC Porto
Ousmane DABO	M	Parma	Atalanta
Dario DAINELLI	D	Lecce	Brescia
Daniele DAINO	D	Milan	Derby (loan)
Ulises DE LA CRUZ	D	LDU Quito	Hibernian
Ivan DE LA PENA	M	Barcelona	Lazio (return from loan)
Gonzalo DE LOS SANTOS	M	Malaga	Valencia
Pierre DEBLOCK	M	Auxerre	Bastia
Jose DEL SOLAR	D	Unattached	Universitario
Rory DELAP	M	Derby	Southampton
DELFIM	M	Sporting Lisbon	Marseille
Didier DHEEDENE	D	Anderlecht	1860 Munich
Vikash DHORASOO	M	Lyon	Internazionale
Eusebio DI FRANCESCO	M	Roma	Piacenza
Antonio DI SALVO	F	Bayern Munich	Hansa Rostock
Djibril DIAWARA	M	Torino	Bolton (loan)
Kaba DIAWARA	F	West Ham	Paris Saint-Germain
Nicolas DIEUZE	M	Toulouse	Bastia
Nicola DILISO	D	Cagliari	Verona
Elpidio DILL	F	Goias	Marseille
El Hadji DIOUF	F	Rennes	Lens (permanent from loan)
Martin DJETOU	D	Monaco	Parma
Kristijan DJORDJEVIC	M	Stuttgart	Schalke
Goran DJOROVIC	D	Celta Vigo	Dep La Coruna
Cyrille DOMORAUD	D	Internazionale	Milan
Massimo DONATI	M	Atalanta	Milan
Dalibor DRAGIC	D	Levski Sofia	Kryliya Sovetov (loan)
Goran DRULIC	F	Red Star Belgrade	Zaragoza
Ljubinko DRULOVIC	M	FC Porto	Benfica

MMER'S MAIN MOVES

Franck DUMAS	D	Lens	Marseille
Eric DURAND	G	Bastia	Rennes
Erik EDMAN	D	AIK Stockholm	Heerenveen
EDMUNDO	F	Vasco da Gama	Cruzeiro
Robbie ELLIOTT	D	Bolton	Newcastle
EMRE Belozoglu	M	Galatasaray	Internazionale
Julio Cesar ENCISO	M	Internacional (P Alegre)	Olimpia
Nicolas ESCETH-N'ZI	M	Caen	Lorient
Marcelo ESPINA	M	Racing Santander	Colo Colo
Jason EUELL	F	Wimbledon	Charlton
FABIANO	M	Vitoria Bahia	Atalanta
Daniel FAGIANI	D	Atletico Madrid	San Lorenzo
FATIH Akyel	D	Galatasaray	Mallorca
Miklos FEHER	F	Braga	FC Porto
Pascal FEINDOUNO	F	Bordeaux	Lorient (loan)
Daniel FELGENHAUER	M	Greuther Furth	Borussia Monchengladbach
Marco FERRANTE	F	Internazionale	Torino
Matteo FERRARI	D	Internazionale	Parma
Alexander FILIMONOV	G	Moscow Spartak	Kyiv Dynamo
FINIDI George	M	Mallorca	Ipswich
Stefano FIORE	M	Udinese	Lazio
Riccardo FISSORE	D	Lecce	Torino
Daniel FLOREA	D	Dinamo Bucharest	Shakhtar Donetsk
Paolo FOGLIO	D	Venezia	Atalanta
Jose FRANCO	F	Penarol	Torino
Carsten FREDGAARD	F	Sunderland	FC Copenhagen
Salvatore FRESI	D	Napoli	Internazionale
Dieter FREY	M	Werder Bremen	Nurnberg
Sebastien FREY	G	Internazionale	Parma
Giorgio FREZZOLINI	G	Chievo	Lecce
Massimiliano FUSANI	M	Brescello	Perugia
Diego FUSER	M	Parma	Roma
Constantin GALCA	M	Espanyol	Villarreal
William GALLAS	D	Marseille	Chelsea
Ronny GASPERCIC	G	Extremadura	Betis
Grigoris GEORGATOS	D	Olympiakos	Internazionale
GEOVANNI	F	Cruzeiro	Barcelona
GERARDO Garcia	D	Valencia	Malaga
Giuliano GIANNICHEDDA	M	Udinese	Lazio
Frederico GIUNTI	M	Milan	Brescia
Stephen GLASS	M	Newcastle	Watford
Spartak GOGNIEV	F	Dinamo Moscow	CSKA Moscow
GOKTAN Berkant	F	Bayern Munich	Galatasaray
Ezequiel GONZALEZ	F	Rosario Central	Fiorentina
Bart GOOR	M	Anderlecht	Hertha Berlin
Roberto GORETTI	M	Perugia	Bologna
Corrado GRABBI	F	Ternana	Blackburn
Jonathan GREENING	F	Manchester United	Middlesbrough
Gaetano GRIECO	F	Genoa	Parma
Matteo GUARDALBEN	G	Parma	Piacenza
Antonio GUAYRE	F	Las Palmas	Villarreal
Eric GUEI	F	Valence	Montpellier
Tchiressoua GUEL	M	Saint-Etienne	Lorient
Andres GUGLIELMINPIETRO	M	Milan	Internazionale
Stephane GUIVARC'H	F	Auxerre	Guingamp
Steve GUPPY	D	Leicester	Celtic
Sergei GURENKO	D	Roma	Parma
Bernt HAAS	D	Grasshopper	Sunderland
Mustapha HADJI	M	Coventry	Aston Villa
HAKAN Bayraktar	M	Pogon	Fenerbahce (loan)
John HARKES	M	New England Rev	Columbus Crew
Jon HARLEY	D	Chelsea	Fulham
John HARTSON	F	Coventry	Celtic
HECTOR	D	Sevilla	Dep La Coruna
Gabriel HEINZE	D	Valladolid	Paris Saint-Germain
Oliver HELD	M	Schalke	St Pauli
Horst HELDT	M	Eintracht Frankfurt	Sturm Graz
Thomas HELVEG	D	Milan	Internazionale
Thomas HENGEN	D	Wolfsburg	Kaiserslautern
Youssouf HERSI	M	Ajax	NAC Breda (loan)
Mirsad HIBIC	D	Atletico Madrid	West Ham

Delano HILL	D	Willem II	Hansa Rostock
Dietmar HIRSCH	M	Unterhaching	Hansa Rostock
Peter HOEKSTRA	M	Ajax	Stoke City
Ahmed HOSSAM	F	Gent	Ajax
Dario HUBNER	F	Brescia	Piacenza
Hugo IBARRA	D	Boca Juniors	FC Porto
Victor IKPEBA	F	Borussia Dortmund	Betis (loan)
Hazem IMAM	M	Udinese	Zamalek
Junichi INAMOTO	M	Gamba Osaka	Arsenal
Filippo INZAGHI	F	Juventus	Milan
IRANILDO	M	Flamengo	Aris Salonika (loan)
Valerien ISMAEL	D	Strasbourg	Lens
Pierre ISSA	D	Chelsea	Marseille
Charles ITANDJE	G	Red Star (Fra)	Lens
David JAMES	G	Aston Villa	West Ham
Marco JARIO	M	Olario	Trabzonspor
JAVI MORENO	F	Alaves	Milan
Francis JEFFERS	F	Everton	Arsenal
Nenad JESTROVIC	F	Mouscron	Anderlecht
Cyril JEUNECHAMP	M	Auxerre	Bastia
Richard JEZIERSKI	D	Troyes	Sedan
JORGINHO PAULISTA	D	Udinese	Boca Juniors
Vladimir JUGOVIC	M	Internazionale	Monaco (loan)
Lars JUNGNICKEL	F	Dynamo Dresden	Energie Cottbus
JUNINHO Pernambucano	M	Vasco da Gama	Lyon
Krunoslav JURCIC	M	Torino	Sampdoria
Hassan KACHLOUL	M	Southampton	Aston Villa
Mohamed KALLON	F	Vicenza	Internazionale
Radoslaw KALUZNY	D	Wisla Krakow	Energie Cottbus
Christian KAREMBEU	M	Middlesbrough	Olympiakos
Miroslav KARHAN	M	Besiktas	Wolfsburg
Ali KARIMI	F	Pirouzi	Al Ahli (UAE)
Robbie KEANE	F	Internazionale	Leeds (permanent from loan)
Seydou KEITA	D	Marseille	Lorient
Kasey KELLER	G	Rayo Vallecano	Tottenham
Mark KENNEDY	M	Manchester City	Wolves
Jochen KIENTZ	D	Hamburg	Sturm Graz
Magnus KIHLSTEDT	G	Brann Bergen	FC Copenhagen
Rosen KIRILOV	D	Adanaspor	Lovech
Ivan KLASNIC	F	St Pauli	Werder Bremen
Aleksander KNAVS	D	FC Tirol	Kaiserslautern
Jan KOLLER	F	Anderlecht	Borussia Dortmund
Slobodan KOMLJENOVIC	D	Kaiserslautern	Zaragoza
Petr KOUBA	G	Dep La Coruna	Jablonec
Evangelos KOUTSORES	M	Panathinaikos	Iraklis
Niko KOVAC	M	Hamburg	Bayern Munich
Robert KOVAC	D	Bayer Leverkusen	Bayern Munich
Ruud KRAS	D	Volendam	Ajax
Per KROLDRUP	M	B93 Copenhagen	Udinese
Bjorn-Tore KVARME	D	Saint-Etienne	Real Sociedad
Yann LACHUER	M	Bastia	Auxerre
Bernard LAMBOURDE	D	Chelsea	Bastia
Frank LAMPARD	M	West Ham	Chelsea
Denis LAPACZINSKI	D	Reutlingen	Hertha Berlin
Lilian LASLANDES	F	Bordeaux	Sunderland
Saliou LASSISSI	D	Fiorentina	Roma
Russell LATAPY	F	Hibernian	Rangers
Martin LAURSEN	D	Parma	Milan
Hugo LEAL	M	Atletico Madrid	Paris Saint-Germain
Frank LEBOUEF	D	Chelsea	Marseille
Vitaly LEDENEV	F	Dinamo Minsk	Hapoel Haifa
Nicola LEGROTTAGLIE	D	Modena	Chievo
LEONARDO	M	Milan	Sao Paulo
Mehdi LEROY	M	Nantes	Troyes
Francisco LIMA	M	Bologna	Roma
LINCOLN	M	Atletico Mineiro	Kaiserslautern
Roland LINZ	F	Leoben	Barcelona
Krisztian LISZTES	M	Stuttgart	Werder Bremen
LITOS	D	Boavista	Malaga
Stefano LOMBARDI	D	Perugia	Internazionale
Fabien LOUEDEC	G	Saint-Brieuc	Guingamp

Cristiano LUCARELLI	F	Lecce	Torino
Peter LUCCIN	M	Paris Saint-Germain	Celta Vigo (loan)
LUIS FELIPE	F	Braga	Sporting Lisbon
Francesco LUNA	F	Monterrey	Hibernian
Cristiano LUPATELLI	G	Roma	Chievo
Fabio MACELLARI	D	Internazionale	Bologna
Ahmed MADOUNI	D	Montpellier	Borussia Dortmund
Michael MADSEN	D	Bari	Wolfsburg
Stephane MAHE	D	Celtic	Hearts
Alan MAHON	M	Sporting Lisbon	Blackburn
Giampiero MAINI	M	Venezia	Parma
Steed MALBRANQUE	M	Lyon	Fulham
Stefan MALZ	M	Arsenal	Kaiserslautern
Venjamin MANDRYKIN	G	Alaniya Vladikavkaz	CSKA Moscow
Amedeo MANGONE	D	Roma	Parma
Alex MANNINGER	G	Arsenal	Fiorentina (loan)
Norman MAPEZA	D	SV Ried	Portsmouth
Bogdan MARA	M	Dinamo Bucharest	Alaves
Massimo MARAZZINA	F	Reggina	Chievo
MARCELINHO	M	Gremio	Hertha Berlin
Carlos MARCHENA	D	Benfica	Valencia
Sergio MARCON	G	Chievo	Ternana
Enzo MARESCA	M	Bologna	Juventus (loan return)
MARICA	D	Vasco da Gama	AEK Athens
MARIO SILVA	D	Nantes	FC Porto
Bruno MARIONI	F	Independiente (Arg)	Tenerife
Andy MARSHALL	G	Norwich	Ipswich
Jorge MARTINEZ	D	Independiente (Arg)	Boca Juniors
Phil MASINGA	F	Bari	Coventry
Alain MASUDI	M	Saint-Etienne	Sturm Graz
Anibal MATELLAN	D	Boca Juniors	Schalke
Marco MATERAZZI	D	Perugia	Internazionale
Luca MATTEASSI	M	Brescello	Verona
MATUZALEM	M	Napoli	Piacenza
Florian MAURICE	F	Marseille	Celta Vigo (loan)
MAXWELL	D	Cruzeiro	Ajax
Goran MAZNOV	F	Sloga Jugomagnat	Moscow Spartak
Justin McBRIDE	F	Glentoran	Linfield
Nicolas MEDINA	M	Argentinos Juniors	Sunderland
Olof MELLBERG	D	Racing Santander	Aston Villa
Gaizka MENDIETA	M	Valencia	Lazio
Baki MERCIMEK	D	Haarlem	Sunderland
Daniel MESLIN	F	Ajaccio	Rennes
Jan MICHAELSEN	M	AB Copenhagen	Panathinaikos
Kai MICHALKE	F	Hertha Berlin	Nurnberg
Grzegorz MIELCARSKI	F	Pogon Szczecin	AEK Athens
Michael MIFSUD	F	Sliema Wanderers	Kaiserslautern
Sinisa MIHAJLOVIC	D	Lazio	Fiorentina
Mauro MILANESE	D	Perugia	Parma
Tommy MILLER	M	Hartlepool	Ipswich
Farid MONDRAGON	G	Metz	Galatasaray
Daniel MONTENEGRO	D	Marseille	Osasuna (loan)
Olivier MONTERRUBIO	F	Nantes	Rennes
Nicola MORA	D	Torino	Parma
Nasief MORRIS	D	Santos (SAf)	Aris Salonika
Markus MUNCH	M	Besiktas	Borussia Monchengladbach
Catalin MUNTEANU	M	Atletico Madrid	Espanyol (loan)
Hidetoshi NAKATA	M	Roma	Parma
Dimitrios NALITZIS	F	PAOK Salonika	Udinese
Giorgios NASIOPOULOS	F	Panathinaikos	Iraklis
Mickael NATCHIMIE	F	Red Star (Fra)	Sedan
Adrian NEAGA	M	Arges Pitesti	Steaua Bucharest
Pavel NEDVED	M	Lazio	Juventus
Nderim NEDZIPI	F	Sloga Jugomagnat	Hertha Berlin
Frederic NEE	F	Bastia	Lyon
Szilard NEMETH	F	Inter Bratislava	Middlesbrough
Christian NERLINGER	M	Borussia Dortmund	Rangers
Marius NICULAE	F	Dinamo Bucharest	Sporting Lisbon
Akinori NISHIZAWA	F	Cerezo Osaka	Bolton (loan)
Zoran NJEGUS	M	Atletico Madrid	Sevilla (loan)
Guillaume NORBERT	D	Arsenal	Lorient

Stephane NORO	M	Reims	Sedan
NUNO	G	Osasuna	Dep La Coruna
Milan OBRADOVIC	D	Obilic	Lokomotiv Moscow
Aitor OCIO	D	Osasuna	Bilbao
OKAN Buruk	M	Galatasaray	Internazionale
Uche OKEREKE	F	Enugu Rangers	Julius Berger
OKTAY Derelioglu	F	Trabzonspor	Fenerbahce
Gbenga Samuel OKUNOWO	D	Barcelona	Ionikos (loan)
Rafael OLARRA	D	Univ de Chile	Osasuna
Shinji ONO	M	Urawa Reds	Feyenoord
Pierluigi ORLANDINI	M	Brescia	Atalanta
Yurii OSIPENCO	M	Constructorul	Zimbru Chisinau
Abdeslam OUADDOU	D	Nancy	Fulham
Mixu PAATELAINEN	F	Hibernian	Strasbourg
PABLO Gonzalez Counago	F	Celta Vigo	Ipswich
Juan Francisco PALENCIA	F	Cruz Azul	Espanyol (loan)
Francesco PALMIERI	G	Salernitana	Piacenza
Christian PANUCCI	D	Internazionale	Monaco (permanent from loan)
PAULO MIRANDA	D	Vasco da Gama	Bordeaux
Fabio PECCHIA	M	Napoli	Torino
Henrik PEDERSEN	F	Silkeborg	Bolton
Stephane PEDRON	M	Saint-Etienne	Lens
Reynald PEDROS	M	Toulouse	Bastia
Ivan PELIZZOLI	G	Atalanta	Roma
Sixto PERALTA	M	Torino	Internazionale
Eros PEREZ	D	Colon Santa Fe	Internacional (P Alegre)
Sebastien PEREZ	D	Marseille	Galatasaray
Emmanuel PETIT	M	Barcelona	Chelsea
Mario PETKOV	F	Makedonija	Vardar
Martin PETROV	F	Servette	Wolfsburg
Laurent PEYRELADE	F	Lille	Sedan
Martin PIECKENHAGEN	G	Hansa Rostock	Hamburg
Mirko PIERI	D	Perugia	Udinese
Jose Karl PIERRE-FANFAN	D	Lens	Monaco
Roberto PINTO	M	Stuttgart	Hertha Berlin
Frederic PIQUIONNE	F	Nimes	Rennes
Andrea PIRLO	M	Internazionale	Milan
Marco PISANO	D	Ascoli	Brescia
Claudio PIZARRO	F	Werder Bremen	Bayern Munich
Mickael PIZZO	F	Red Star (Fra)	Kilmarnock
Emanuel POGATETZ	D	Karnten	Bayer Leverkusen
Paolo POGGI	F	Roma	Parma
Lionel POTILLON	D	Saint-Etienne	Paris Saint-Germain
Gustavo POYET	M	Chelsea	Tottenham
Martin PREGELJ	D	Maribor	Sturm Graz
Gilbert PRILASNIG	D	Sturm Graz	Aris Salonika
Robert PROSINECKI	M	Standard Liege	Portsmouth
Ghennadii PUSCA	M	Constructorul	Zimbru Chisinau
Olivier QUINT	M	Sedan	Nantes
Victor QUINTANA	M	Olimpia	FC Porto
Eric RABESANDRATANA	D	Paris Saint-Germain	AEK Athens
Florin RADUCIOIU	F	Dinamo Bucharest	Monaco (permanent from loan)
Tomasz RADZINSKI	F	Anderlecht	Everton
Fabrizio RAVANELLI	F	Lazio	Derby
Ante RAZOV	F	Racing Ferrol	Chicago Fire
Jorg REEB	M	Bayer Leverkusen	Koln
Marco REICH	F	Kaiserslautern	Koln
John Arne RIISE	M	Monaco	Liverpool
Freddy RINCON	M	Santos	Cruzeiro
Claudio RIVALTA	D	Perugia	Vicenza
Laurent ROBERT	F	Paris Saint-Germain	Newcastle
Zizi ROBERTS	F	Panionios	Olympiakos
ROBSON PONTE	M	Bayer Leverkusen	Wolfsburg
Marco ROCCATI	G	Bologna	Napoli
Fabio ROCHEMBACK	M	Internacional (Bra)	Barcelona
Bruno RODRIGUEZ	F	Guingamp	Lens (end of loan)
Francisco ROJAS	D	Colo Colo	Sturm Graz
Flavio ROMA	G	Piacenza	Monaco
Marcelo ROMERO	M	Penarol	Malaga
RONALDINHO	F	Gremio	Paris Saint-Germain
Cyril ROOL	M	Lens	Marseille

MMER'S MAIN MOVES

Sascha ROSLER	F	Ulm	1860 Munich
Eric ROY	M	Troyes	Rayo Vallecano
Petter RUDI	M	Molde	Lokeren
Francisco RUFETE	M	Malaga	Valencia
RUI BENTO	D	Boavista	Sporting Lisbon
Manuel RUI COSTA	M	Fiorentina	Milan
Ermino RULLO	D	Lecce	Internazionale
Sigurd RUSHFELDT	F	Racing Santander	Rosenborg (loan)
Hakim SACI	F	Red Star (Fra)	Guingamp
Moussa SAIB	M	Auxerre	Monaco
Brian SAID	D	Floriana	Sliema Wanderers
Luigi SALA	D	Milan	Atalanta
Santiago SALAZAR	D	Sporting Cristal	Trabzonspor
Mario SALGADO	F	Huachipato	Brescia
Bachirou SALOU	F	Eintracht Frankfurt	Hansa Rostock
SALVA	F	Atletico Madrid	Valencia
Oumar SANE	M	Louhans-Cuiseaux	Metz
Tony SANNEH	M	Hertha Berlin	Nurnberg
Eduardo SANTOS	M	Friburguense	Trabzonspor
Pape SARR	M	Saint-Etienne	Lens
Luca SAUDATI	F	Milan	Atalanta
Javier SAVIOLA	F	River Plate (Arg)	Barcelona
Raphael SCHAFER	G	Lubeck	Nurnberg
Sebastien SCHEMMEL	D	Metz	West Ham (permanent from loan)
Peter SCHMEICHEL	G	Sporting Lisbon	Aston Villa
Rafael SCHMITZ	D	Malutrom	Lille
Matthias SCHOBER	G	Schalke	Hansa Rostock
Silvio SCHROTER	M	Dynamo Dresden	Energie Cottbus
Markus SCHUPP	M	Sturm Graz	Brescia
Jamie SCOWCROFT	F	Ipswich	Leicester
Giuseppe SCULLI	F	Crotone	Juventus
Zoltan SEBESCEN	M	Wolfsburg	Bayer Leverkusen
SERGEN Yalcin	M	Siirt Jet-Pa	Galatasaray
SERGIO	M	Espanyol	Dep La Coruna
SERGIO CONCEICAO	M	Parma	Internazionale
Teddy SHERINGHAM	F	Manchester United	Tottenham
Denis SHULGA	M	Baltika Kaliningrad	CSKA Kyiv
Tom SIER	D	Ajax	Sparta Rotterdam (loan)
Roberto SILVA	F	Sporting Cristal	Werder Bremen
SIM Jae-won	M	Hyundai Pusan	Eintracht Frankfurt
SIMAO	F	Barcelona	Benfica
Sebastiano SIVIGLIA	D	Atalanta	Roma
Niklas SKOOG	F	Orebro	Malmo
Frederik SODERSTROM	M	Guimaraes	FC Porto
Tomislav SOKOTA	F	Dinamo Zagreb	Benfica
Andrei SOLOMATIN	D	Lokomotiv Moscow	CSKA Moscow
Jacques SONGO'O	G	Dep La Coruna	Metz
Gareth SOUTHGATE	D	Aston Villa	Middlesbrough
Dejan STANKOVIC	M	Lazio	Fiorentina
Jovan STANKOVIC	D	Marseille	Atletico Madrid
Arild STAVRUM	F	Aberdeen	Besiktas
Igor STIMAC	D	West Ham	Hajduk Split
Alan STUBBS	D	Celtic	Everton
Anders SVENSSON	M	Elfsborg	Southampton
Piotr SWIERCZEWSKI	D	Bastia	Marseille
Momo SYLLA	D	St Johnstone	Celtic
Igor SYPNIEWSKI	F	Panathinaikos	Panionios
Matteo TACCHINI	M	Varese	Brescia
Claudio TAFFAREL	G	Galatasaray	Parma
Gregory TAFFOREAU	M	Caen	Lille
Massimo TAIBI	G	Reggina	Atalanta
Naohiro TAKAHARA	F	Jubilo Iwata	Boca Juniors
TAMER Tuna	M	Trabzonspor	Besiktas
Pablo THIAM	M	Stuttgart	Bayern Munich
Lilian THURAM	D	Parma	Juventus
Francesco TOLDO	G	Fiorentina	Internazionale
TOMAS	M	Celta Vigo	Sevilla
Ivan TOMIC	M	Alaves	Roma
Luca TONI	F	Vicenza	Brescia
Marco TOPIC	F	Austria Wien	Energie Cottbus
Derek TOWNSLEY	M	Motherwell	Hibernian

Hatem TRABELSI	D	Club Sportif Sfax	Ajax
TUGAY Kerimoglu	M	Rangers	Blackburn
TURIEL	M	Valladolid	Alaves
Ivo ULICH	M	Slavia Prague	Borussia Monchengladbach
UMIT Karan	F	Boreo	Galatasaray (loan)
UMIT Ozat	D	Genclerbirligi	Fenerbahce
Tony VAIRELLES	F	Lyon	Bastia (loan)
Edwin VAN ANKEREN	F	RWD Molenbeek	Odd Grenland
Giovanni VAN BRONCKHORST	M	Rangers	Arsenal
Daniel VAN BUYTEN	D	Standard Liege	Marseille
Bjorn VAN DER DOELEN	M	PSV Eindhoven	Twente
Edwin VAN DER SAR	G	Juventus	Fulham
Chris VAN DER WEERDEN	D	PSV Eindhoven	Twente
Ramon VAN HAAREN	D	Roda JC	Feyenoord
Pierre VAN HOOIJDONK	F	Benfica	Feyenoord
Ruud VAN NISTELROOY	F	PSV Eindhoven	Manchester United
Mika VAYRYNEN	F	Jokerit	Heerenveen
Ramon VEGA	D	Celtic	Watford
Stelios VENETIDIS	D	PAOK	Olympiakos
Jan VENNEGOOR OF HESSELINK	F	Twente	PSV Eindhoven
Nicola VENTOLA	F	Atalanta	Internazionale
Sven VERMANT	M	Club Brugge	Schalke
Juan Sebastian VERON	M	Lazio	Manchester United
William VIALI	D	Lecce	Venezia
Massimiliano VIERI	F	Ancona	Juventus
Marciano VINK	F	Free agent	Ajax Cape Town
Nelson VIVAS	D	Arsenal	Internazionale
Nemanja VUCICEVIC	M	OFK Belgrade	Lokomotiv Moscow
Muamer VUGDALIC	D	Maribor	Shakhtar Donetsk
Johan WALEM	M	Udinese	Standard Liege
Ian WALKER	G	Tottenham	Leicester
Jean-Guy WALLEMME	D	Saint-Etienne	Lens
Markus WEISSENBERGER	M	Arminia Bielefeld	1860 Munich
Marco WEISSHAUPT	F	Freiburg	Hansa Rostock
Arnold WETL	M/F	Rapid Wien	Sturm Graz
Michael WIESINGER	M	Bayern Munich	1860 Munich
Marc WILMOTS	M	Bordeaux	Schalke
Mark WILSON	M	Manchester United	Middlesbrough
Djuric WINKLAAR	M	Heerenveen	Lecce
Aaron WINTER	M	Ajax	Sparta Rotterdam (loan)
Dennis WISE	M	Chelsea	Leicester
Richard WITSCHGE	M	Ajax	Alaves (loan)
Piotr WLODARCZYK	F	Slask Wroclaw	Auxerre
Dariusz WOSZ	M	Hertha Berlin	Bochum
Richard WRIGHT	G	Ipswich	Arsenal
Igor YANOVSKI	M	Paris Saint-Germain	CSKA Moscow
Luke YOUNG	D	Tottenham	Charlton
Cristian ZACCARDO	D	Spezia	Bologna
Zlatko ZAHOVIC	F	Valencia	Benfica
Jaouad ZAIRI	F	Gueugnon	Sochaux
Zaza ZAMTRADAZE	M	Dinamo Tbilisi	Freiburg
Andrea ZANCHETTA	M	Reggina	Chievo
Marco ZANCHI	D	Vicenza	Verona
Cristiano ZANETTI	M	Roma	Internazionale
Boudewijn ZENDEN	M	Barcelona	Chelsea
Cristian ZENONI	M	Atalanta	Juventus
Michael ZEPEK	D	Karlsruhe	Bayer Leverkusen
Stephane ZIANI	M	Bordeaux	Nantes (permanent from loan)
Zinedine ZIDANE	M	Juventus	Real Madrid
Christian ZIEGE	M	Liverpool	Tottenham
Luan ZMIJANI	D	Vllaznia	Partizani
Marco ZWYSSIG	D	St Gallen	FC Tirol

Northern exposure

Tim Vickery reports from Bogota on Colombia's victory in the 2001 Copa America

THE story of the tournament is obviously overshadowed by World Cup qualification. Nevertheless, the Copa America 2001 was significant for bringing to light two important trends in Latin American football.

The first is the growing popularity of the three centre-back formation, a system previously associated with Europe. Even Brazil and Uruguay experimented with 3-5-2, and only three teams (Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela) stuck throughout to a back four.

The second development is football's continuing northward spread. The traditional heartland of the Latin American game is the southern cities of Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. The big three – Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay – have lifted all eight of the World Cups won by South American countries, and 34 of the first 39 Copa Americas. They never looked likely to win the 40th.

The Final between Colombia and Mexico was undoubtedly a meeting of the two best teams in the field. Coach Javier Aguirre revitalised Mexico beyond recognition. His secret was to keep the team compact. They were difficult to break down, and in possession the man receiving the ball had options to give a first-time pass. Their goals in the quarter-finals and semis came from fine collective play, but they paid a high price for their victory over Uruguay. With centre-back Rafael Marquez injured, and his partner, Manuel Vidrio, suspended along with captain and midfield organiser Alberto Garcia Aspe, Mexico were unable to trouble the hosts in the Final.

Colombia coach Francisco Maturana boldly turned to youth to take his country through to their first major title. He could sleep soundly, though, in the knowledge that his team was built on one of the world's outstanding centre-back partnerships. The rapid Ivan Cordoba glanced home the only goal of the final. Together with the imperious Mario Yepes, he ensured that at the other end not only did Colombia not concede, but also that there was hardly a serious shot for keeper Oscar Cordoba to save in the entire tournament.

Despite losing star striker Jairo Castillo for almost the entire Copa, Colombia bristled with attacking options. Victor Aristizabal superbly took on the scoring mantle, the long-striding Elkin Murillo brought back memories of Faustino Asprilla in his prime, while the barrel-chested Eulalio Arriaga was hard to stop.

Giovanny 'The Prince' Hernandez had moments when his touch made him worthy of his nickname, Freddy Grisales gave the midfield dynamism, and the team showed against Honduras that they could use width when faced with opponents who try to stifle them down the middle.

Honduras took third place on penalties from a Uruguay side who tried out several youngsters, with 18-year-old right winger Fabian Estoyanoff looking particularly promising. Initially Honduras seemed to have paid the price for stepping in at the last minute. Lack of preparation meant they picked up injuries and midfielder Oscar Lagos tested positive for both cocaine and marijuana. But once they found their stride they were irresistible. Lightning-fast Saul Martinez was their sole striker, but he was quickly supported from midfield by Elvis Turcios, Julio Cesar Leon and Amado Guevara.

Happy day...Giovanny Hernandez (kneeling) and Fabian Vargas celebrate Colombia's Final victory

Most expected that Honduras' only chance in their quarter-final against Brazil was to sneak through the back door of the penalty shoot-out. Instead, they stormed the castle gate with a 2-0 win.

Brazil's two defeats by Mexico and Honduras were remarkably similar. Tight marking nullified their individual talent, and collectively they were not good enough to create. Without the ball Brazil were embarrassed by the one-touch passing of more compact opponents.

Luiz Felipe Scolari's side had seemed to be making progress. Fielding three centre-backs left them less vulnerable to counter-attacks but it was hardly worthwhile if all the wing-backs could do was hit crosses behind the goal-line.

With Paulo Wanchope in full cry Costa Rica briefly looked likely to go all the way. But they seemed to freeze when they went ahead in their quarter-final, and Uruguay made them pay with typical resilience.

Peru and Chile exited, also in the last eight, with barely a whimper. But the latter had got the tournament off with a bang with a 4-1 win over Ecuador, who had won their five previous World Cup qualifiers. Ecuador were picked off on the break, leaving coach Hernan Dario Gomez to ponder whether he can afford to play two strikers plus the ageing Alex Aguinaga.

Venezuela, bottom of Group A, again flattered to deceive. They had little luck but could, perhaps, have benefited from less ambitious starting line-ups.

In Group B Paraguay experimented, threatened to eliminate Brazil, but then ran out of steam, leaving coach Sergio Markarian shaking his head about his side's fitness. And Bolivia's Carlos Aragones lost his job after his side's disastrous tournament.

Aristizabal's aim is true

AT half-time in the Final the competition mascot needed three attempts to get the ball into the empty net. Thankfully for Colombia, Victor Hugo Aristizabal's aim was somewhat better. By the interval he had already been forced to limp out of the game. But nobody did more for the Colombian cause.

Scoring six times made Aristizabal the tournament's top marksman, and not since Pele in 1959 has anyone managed more goals in a single Copa America.

Two factors make his achievement particularly outstanding. First, a victim of regional preferences, Aristizabal began the competition with the boos of the Barranquilla crowd ringing in his ears.

By the quarter-finals he was on safer ground, with Colombia based closer to his native Medellin. But by then it hardly mattered. The goals were flowing and he was on his way to becoming a national hero.

But the most surprising development is that in a long career the 29-year-old has never been an out-and-out goalscorer. Aristizabal has been known more as a provider of chances than as a finisher. On his recall to the national team last year he dropped back to midfield and hardly had a shot in five games.

But when Jairo Castillo was injured in the Copa America opener against Venezuela, Aristizabal was asked to push forward and use his skill in tight spaces closer to the opposing goal.

Volunteering to take a second-half penalty showed he was up to the challenge, and once he sent his shot into Rafael Dudamel's right corner he was on his way.

There was another penalty against Chile – chipped cheekily straight down the middle – and four excellent finishes from open play. The most important was a precise shot into the far corner that broke the quarter-final deadlock against Peru. Against Ecuador and Honduras he collected balls pulled back from the byline and coolly picked his spot. There was even a header to complete the scoring against Peru, knocked back across the goal after a glorious deep cross from the right.

The supplier was Freddy Grisales, another player who won over the home crowds during the course of the Copa America. The 25-year-old midfielder went into the tournament branded as a player prone to running around like a headless chicken. The accusation is not entirely unjustified, but in the course of his endeavours he did enough to give Colombia's play a dynamism it has often lacked.

The midfield powerhouse opened the hosts' account with a blistering finish against Venezuela. In the next match he switched to the left to do a marking job on Ecuador's Ulises De la Cruz. But it was in the semi-final that his all-round game was most evident.

Colombia's 1-0 lead was beginning to look precarious as Honduras pressed. But inside the space of two minutes Grisales made a crucial tackle on the edge of his own area, and then burst down the right, combined with Elkin Murillo and pulled the ball back for Aristizabal to make the game safe.

The Final was not really Grisales' match. Amid all the big-game nerves Colombia had more need of someone to slow the game down rather than speed it up. But there is no doubt that he came out of the tournament with his reputation enhanced.

Sparingly used so far in World Cup qualification, Grisales should be important to fulfilling Colombia's hopes of making it through to Japan and South Korea.

He would certainly be helped by the recall of Mauricio Serna to fill the holding role. Defensive midfield was the one area in which Colombia did not impress in the Copa America. But with Serna holding the fort, Grisales can help Colombia run all the way to Asia.

Tim Vickery

I can't believe it...Aristizabal is overcome with emotion after hitting the target

RESULTS

GROUP A

11.07.01 Ecuador-Chile	1-4
11.07.01 Colombia-Venezuela	2-0
14.07.01 Chile-Venezuela	1-0
14.07.01 Colombia-Ecuador	1-0
17.07.01 Ecuador-Venezuela	4-0
17.07.01 Colombia-Chile	2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COLOMBIA	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
CHILE	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Ecuador	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
Venezuela	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

GROUP B

12.07.01 Peru-Paraguay	3-3
12.07.01 Brazil-Mexico	0-1
15.07.01 Brazil-Peru	2-0
15.07.01 Paraguay-Mexico	0-0
18.07.01 Peru-Mexico	1-0
18.07.01 Brazil-Paraguay	3-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRAZIL	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
MEXICO	3	1	1	1	1	1	4
PERU	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Paraguay	3	0	2	1	4	6	2

GROUP C

13.07.01 Bolivia-Uruguay	0-1
13.07.01 Honduras-Costa Rica	0-1
16.07.01 Uruguay-Costa Rica	1-1
16.07.01 Honduras-Bolivia	2-0
19.07.01 Bolivia-Costa Rica	0-4
19.07.01 Honduras-Uruguay	1-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COSTA RICA	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
HONDURAS	3	2	0	1	3	1	6
URUGUAY	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Bolivia	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

QUARTER-FINALS

22.07.01 Chile-Mexico	0-2
22.07.01 Costa Rica-Uruguay	1-2
23.07.01 Colombia-Peru	3-0
23.07.01 Brazil-Honduras	0-2

SEMI-FINALS

25.07.01 Mexico-Uruguay	2-1
26.07.01 Colombia-Honduras	2-0

3RD-PLACE PLAY-OFF

29.07.01 Uruguay-Honduras	2-2

Honduras 5-4 on pens

FINAL

29.07.01 Colombia-Mexico	1-0

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No pay, no play

Eric Weil reports on the latest players' strike over non-payment of wages

ARGENTINA

THE start of the opening championship campaign was put on hold because all but one of the top division clubs (Colon Santa Fe) still owed their players money. This broke an agreement made in May after a 10-day players' strike over the same issue, leading to the players' union mounting their most recent boycott of games.

Under the May agreement, the FA was to meet 35 per cent of the clubs' debts to players by the end of that month, either by way of a loan or by payment in advance of TV rights money. The clubs were then to pay the other 65 per cent by the end of July.

However, neither part of the deal was fully met. The FA had difficulty raising a bank loan to fund its commitment, while there was also an unresolved dispute about the actual amount of money owed to players (the FA claimed the outstanding wage bill was £40million; the players' union put the figure at around £70m).

The clubs' 65 per cent never materialised to any significant degree (the slate was clean at Colon from the outset since they never owed any money to their players).

Sold by Boca...Jorge Bermudez has joined Olympiakos

The boycott of the opening championship, which had been due to begin on August 3, forced the FA to change its stated policy. As part of the May agreement, the association had committed itself to banning clubs still owing money to players from participating in League games.

But in the light of the August strike, FA president Julio Grondona threatened that if the players did not compete, no new pay agreement could be reached. The deal he was now offering was that players would be paid money owed to them in instalments, starting in October, using cash generated by selling the rights to an extra televised League game per week.

However, players' union general secretary Sergio Marchi questioned what would happen about salary payments from August onwards, even once the outstanding debts had been settled.

With the payment issue apparently deadlocked, the wider economic malaise in the country's football has begun to hit hard.

Lanus have offloaded 26 players and those remaining have an average age of just 21; Argentinos Juniors have reduced the size of their squad from 38 players to 25, of whom 16 are under 21; Independiente have reduced salaries and cut their squad by almost half.

With no cash available, nearly all the close-season player movements have been loans or free transfers. River Plate's only major newcomer is Esteban Cambiasso, on loan from Real Madrid. He shone when at Independiente last season.

Boca Juniors brought in defenders Daniel Fagiani (from Atletico Madrid) and Jorge Martinez (Independiente) but they are hardly satisfactory replacements for the departed Jorge Bermudez (Olympiakos) and Hugo Ibarra (FC Porto).

Champions San Lorenzo's main losses were defenders Fabricio Coloccini, who has been recalled by Milan after a period on loan, and Eduardo Tuzzio, who refused the terms of a new contract.

Kick-off a mighty feat

BRAZIL

AMAZING news. The Brazilian championship has started.

It may not sound like much, but since last year's tournament did not take place at all and this year's was in doubt until 24 hours before the start, it has been a major achievement to get the ball rolling.

The championship was placed in doubt after relegated Belem club Remo went to court to revindicate their place in the First Division. Remo initially won an injunction in their favour but this was overturned on appeal, enabling the competition to start on time.

Despite repeated claims by the federation that it wants to reduce the size of the tournament, 28 teams will take part. They are the 22 teams who were in the First Division in 1999 – including the teams who were relegated – plus America-Belo Horizonte and Santa Cruz, who were promoted from the Second Division in 1999. To these have been added Sao Caetano, as a reward for reaching the Joao Havelange Cup Final last year, and Goias, Bahia and Fluminense, who have been rewarded simply for being big clubs with political clout.

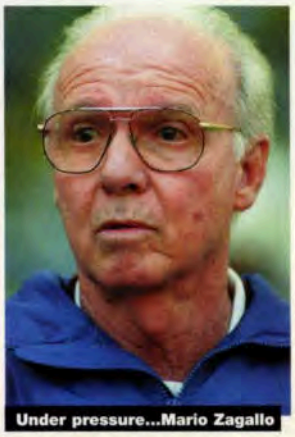
The rules were finalised at a meeting just 48 hours before the first matches. Club directors decided the teams will play each other once in the league stage, with the top eight going into the quarter-finals.

Even then, there was a last-minute scare when Vasco da Gama president Eurico Miranda threatened to go to court and get the contest stopped. The reason? His team's first game was away and Miranda wanted to kick off with a home game. The belligerent director backed down.

The dance of the coaches didn't take long to get into motion. Cruzeiro sacked Paulo Cesar Carpegiani after just two games.

Mario Zagallo was also under threat after Flamengo failed to win their first four games. The Old Wolf's 70th birthday celebrations came in between a 1-0 home defeat by Parana and a 4-0 thrashing at Atletico Paranaense.

Brian Homewood



Under pressure...Mario Zagallo

Donovan the brightest All-Star

Paul Gardner on the traditional mid-season jamboree game

USA

IT'S a tradition in American professional sports: halfway through the season everything stops for the All-Star Break.

Regular League games are cancelled for a week and the top players – not to mention the league executives and sponsors and marketing and TV guys – get together to celebrate their own success with an All-Star game.

Soccer's version – featuring a team of stars from the League's eastern teams against the best of the west – was held this year in San Jose.

It ended 6-6, which tells you that there's not a great deal of defending in these games – no one is looking to get injured.

It is meant to be a fun occasion, which is just as well because it's difficult to take seriously the way that players are picked for the teams – through an internet poll of fans that was open to flagrant manipulation.

The determination to have fun gets taken a bit too far on the day before the game, when the players have to take part in all sorts of rather silly 'skill contests' – hitting targets, kicking as hard as possible, dribbling through cones, that sort of stuff, while the TV commentators drool and giggle about how wonderful it all is.

The game itself, though, can occasionally produce some meaningful moments – and this year it worked out perfectly for MLS, which has been making a big thing about the talented young American players that it is nurturing.

The game provided a sun-bathed showcase for the most prominent of those youngsters – the 20-year-old Landon Donovan, scorer of four goals for the West.

Not only that, but Donovan was also playing in front of his own fans at San Jose Earthquakes' stadium and is the player MLS went to considerable trouble to reclaim from German club Bayer Leverkusen, where he was not playing.

Of course, All-Star goals are not quite the real thing, but there was a swagger and a confidence and a maturity about Donovan's performance that was totally convincing.

His arrival at Earthquakes – plus that of a new coach, the Canada-born Frank Yallop, the former Ipswich Town defender – has helped effect a dramatic turnaround, from last season's worst-in-the-League record to a team that leads the western division.

A similar transformation has been going on down in Miami, where coach Ray Hudson's Fusion – who failed to make the play-offs last season – boast the best record in the League. Not only that, but they also have the League's two top scorers in Colombian Diego Serna and Honduran Alex Pineda Chacon.

Hudson has put together quite a blend of nationalities – in midfield are Englishman Ian Bishop and Yugoslavian Preki, while the defence features Jamaican Tyrone Marshall and Colombia-born Carlos Llamosa (now a naturalised American and a regular for the US national team).

The volatile Hudson seems to divide his time between public outbursts of praise and then criticism for his players. Maybe it's the old good cop/bad cop routine, but the results have been impressive.

Unpredictability has also been one of Hudson's specialities. At the very moment when Fusion had convinced even the doubters that they were for real, Hudson announced: "No, we can't win the championship, we're not ready for that yet."

All-Star hero...Landon Donovan

In August the Gazza rumours started again. Hudson was reported to have invited fellow Geordie Paul Gascoigne to join Fusion, to "start a new life" in Florida.

Surely not – when this same idea arose two years ago, MLS (which signs all the players) made it clear they didn't think much of the idea, both because of Gascoigne's lifestyle and because they don't want to be stuck with the 'elephants' graveyard' tag.

As it happens, San Jose Earthquakes and Miami Fusion both play in medium-sized stadiums where soccer is the main sport. The need for each MLS team to own such a stadium is being heard more insistently than ever.

In most cases – as such facilities are rarely available – this means building the stadium. Owner Lamar Hunt spent some £22million to do this for his Columbus Crew – and quickly demonstrated the advantages of controlling not only scheduling, but also income from parking and concessions.

The first to follow his lead will be Los Angeles Galaxy, whose billionaire owner Phil Anschutz will finance a 20,000-seater (expandable to 27,000) to be built on the site of California State University at Dominguez Hills, outside Los Angeles.

The stadium is to be part of a larger complex – estimated cost £75m – featuring six soccer fields. This has significance beyond MLS and Galaxy, for the United States Soccer Federation recently agreed to make the Dominguez Hills complex the permanent training centre for all its various men's and women's national teams.

The stadium is expected to be finished in September next year – and MLS has provisionally scheduled it as the site for next year's MLS Cup match, the championship decider.

Summer brings positive results

MEXICO

SOME players had precious little vacation time, kicking off the domestic Winter League after a flurry of activity over the summer.

But at least the national team and a number of club sides produced some positive results. The Copa America may have been devalued, but nevertheless Mexico reached the Final and lost only narrowly following a suspect performance from the referee; Cruz Azul lost only on penalties in the Libertadores Cup Final; and America won their first silverware for a decade, beating DC United in the Final of The Football Confederation's Giants Cup.

Champions Santos Laguna began the new domestic campaign as favourites, with Cruz Azul, Morelia, Puebla, Pachuca and Pumas all expected to do well.

America, Atlas and Guadalajara should ensure strong competition for the Winter League crown.

Carlos Ramirez

Tension to the end

Mark Gleeson on an exciting climax to the World Cup qualifying campaign

We're there!...Nigeria's Taribo West (right) and goalscorer Victor Agali celebrate

THE first three qualifiers from Africa's World Cup preliminary campaign sailed through with predictable ease, leaving a yearning for a little more drama and excitement.

It certainly came in the final two weeks of the qualifiers as first Senegal and then Nigeria filled out the quota of five representatives from the continent for the finals in Japan and South Korea next year.

Senegal had kept themselves in the hunt in mid-July by denying Morocco the draw they needed to go through. El Hadji Ousseynou Diouf's goal separated the two sides, leaving Senegal three points behind Morocco with one game to play.

The Dakar game was Morocco's last, and though they headed the standings, they had an inferior goal difference to both Senegal and Egypt, the two countries left who could overhaul the North Africans.

The final games for Senegal and Egypt, played a week later, were both away ties – Egypt needing to win in Algeria, and Senegal having to beat Namibia and by at least three goals more than whatever Egypt were able to achieve in Annaba.

Tension mounted on the eve of the two games as FIFA at first seemed prepared to allow the Algerian game to kick off four hours after Senegal would start their encounter in Windhoek, only to reverse their decision.

Once the games were under way, Senegal marched into a 3-0 half-time lead, while Egypt could not force a breakthrough in Algeria. Then the Egyptians won a dubious penalty, converted by Ahmed Hossam, only for them to leave the field protesting that the home crowd were pelting them with an assortment of objects.

This could also have been a cynical attempt to finish later than the tie in Windhoek thus allowing them to know exactly what they had to achieve.

As it turned out, Senegal went on to win 5-0 but Egypt got caught five minutes after the restart following a 15-minute delay.

Algerian substitute Yacine Bezzaz hit the equaliser that took the fight out of the visitors and handed a dream World Cup trip to Senegal.

Nigeria's triumph came a week later in Port Harcourt. Needing a win to qualify for the finals instead of Liberia, they were understandably jittery before facing Ghana.

However, the home side's worries eased when Ghana fielded a makeshift side after several of their players based abroad failed to show up.

Even better, the Nigerians scored after just 60 seconds through a Victor Agali header and never looked back. Tijani Babangida added two more before the break to set off the party at the Liberty stadium, which had sold out its 16,000 tickets days before.

So four out of the five African sides at France 98 go back to the World Cup finals, but Senegal have provided the fairytale the continent was looking for.

● *See World Service, starting page 43, for final qualifying standings.*

Pro-file Sibusiso Zuma

South African winger flying high at the top in Denmark

SIBUSISO ZUMA has already conquered his native South Africa; now he has done the same to Denmark, proving the catalyst for FC Copenhagen's run to the Superliga title.

Ten League goals, many of them in key matches, also earned the right-winger Denmark's Player of the Year award and more than passing interest from clubs in England and Italy.

Not only that, but Zuma's spectacular bicycle-kick goal against Brondby, which secured the championship, was voted Goal of the Year.

Now, with coach Roy Hodgson moving from Copenhagen to Udinese in Serie A, the odds have increased that the part-time model will be headed soon for more lucrative pastures.

Not that he is in any rush to go, with the prospect of European competition.

"There have been a few offers but I know that the club are not ready to sell just yet," says Zuma, whose price-tag is put at £5million. "I think they would like to keep me for at least another season, and I'm happy to stay. It's in my best interests; after another season as a regular, I'll be ready to move on to bigger and better leagues."

Zuma has become arguably the key member of the South African national side under Carlos Queiroz, with his devastating speed on the right wing and the ability to deliver a decent cross – not the strongest weapon in the armoury of many of his compatriots.

The winger has been in and out of the side since his debut in October 1998, when he came on for Benni McCarthy in an African Nations Cup qualifier against Angola. Now Zuma has also replaced McCarthy as the darling of the South African fans.

Tragically, his father died on the eve of his first cap, although officials kept the news from him until after the game.

Zuma started his career at African Wanderers, the club from KwaZulu-Natal who are perennially yo-yoing between the South African Premier League and the First Division. After the side were relegated in 1998, he was signed by Orlando Pirates.

Zuma's front-line partner at Wanderers, Siyabonga Nomvete, moved on at the same time, to Pirates' great rivals, Kaizer Chiefs, and is now, ironically, on the books of Udinese.

Zuma scored 32 times in 18 months at Pirates before the move to Copenhagen and fame on a much bigger stage.

Mark Gleeson

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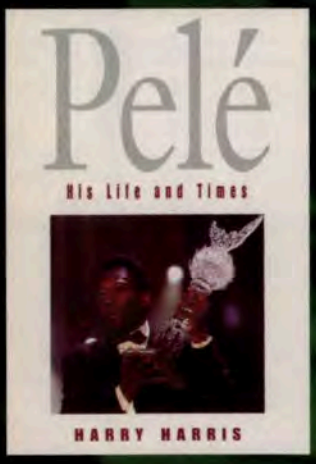

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WORLD SOCCER 33V

Stage ends with goodbyes

JAPAN

Bolton bound...Akinori Nishizawa

THE final day of the J.League's First Stage, long since wrapped up by Jubilo Iwata, was a time of farewells for young and old alike. Two 21-year-olds – Gamba Osaka's Junichi Inamoto and Urawa Reds' Shinji Ono – departed for Arsenal and Feyenoord respectively, while 36-year-old Dragan Stojkovic finally hung up his boots after eight years at Nagoya Grampus Eight.

At the same time, Japan forward Akinori Nishizawa was sealing his one-year loan move to Bolton, newly promoted to the English Premiership, after an unhappy six months at Espanyol.

There was one significant returnee, former Shimizu S-Pulse manager Steve Perryman coming in as assistant coach at Kashiwa Reysol and then taking the helm after the club parted company with Akira Nishino. Tokyo Verdy 1969 also lost their manager, Yasutaro Matsuki, who resigned after the team finished bottom of the First Stage. His replacement is long-serving Verdy coach Yukitaka Omi.

Mike Plastow & Yumiko Nagae

Suwon on the summit

SOUTH KOREA'S Suwon Bluewings, the Asian Club champions, continued their rapid rise with a 4-3 aggregate victory over Saudi Arabia's Al Shabab in the Asian Super Cup.

Al Shabab, the Asian Cup-winners Cup holders, went into the second leg in Jeddah with the advantage of two away goals after the sides drew in Suwon. Abdullah Al-Wakhad then put them ahead just after half-time, but two quick strikes from World Cup veteran Seo Jung-Won swung the game Suwon's way and they held on, despite having Kim Jin-woo sent off.

Michael Church

ROUND-UP

ASIA

FORMER Germany and Bayer Leverkusen boss Berti Vogts has signed a one-year contract to coach the **KUWAITI** national team. He takes over from Dusan Uhrin, who was sacked in February.

Osvaldo Ardiles, previously in charge of Japan's Yokohama F Marinos, has taken charge of **SAUDI ARABIAN** champions Al Ittihad.

Veteran German coach Karl-Heinz Weigang has been forced to leave **MALAYSIAN** side Perak after it emerged he did not have a work permit.

SOUTH KOREAN international striker Ko Jeong-Woon has retired after a career spanning 13 years.

THAILAND defender Surachai Jirasirichote has returned to his homeland to join Sinthana after his contract with Singapore's Woodlands Wellington was terminated.

UZBEKISTAN international Ilyas Zeytullaev has joined Juventus on loan.

Michael Church & Azam Mahmood

OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA: The board of Soccer Australia has bowed to the will of its affiliated clubs and state associations by restoring Canberra Cosmos and Brisbane Strikers to the National Soccer League.

The two clubs had initially been told they would not play in the forthcoming season because the governing body is aiming to reduce the League from 16 clubs to 12.

NEW ZEALAND: Miramar Rangers clinched first place at the end of the regular season in the National League, beating bottom-of-the-table Metro 2-1 on the final day.

They have now qualified for the championship play-offs, along with Manawatu, Central United and University-Mount Wellington.

FIJI: Ba's domestic dominance continued when they claimed a fourth successive Battle of the Giants tournament crown with a 2-0 win over Lautoka in the Final in Nadi.

Paul Moon

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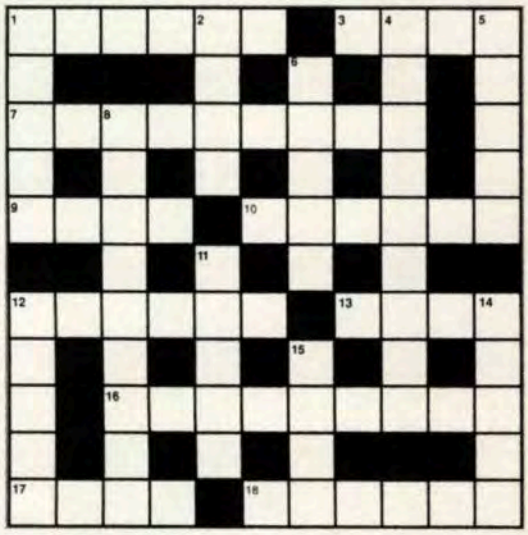

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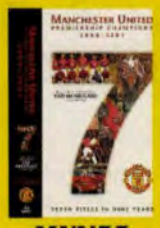

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Brian Glanville's LAST WORD

'Celtic and Rangers' bid to join the Premiership looks selfish to a degree. For without them, what price Scottish football?'

Big league...Celtic would love to take on the likes of Manchester United every season

Old Firm should stay put

YOU CAN understand why Rangers and Celtic want to get their snouts into the trough of the Greed Is Good League, alias the Premiership, but I sincerely hope they will fail. FIFA has already said it must not and cannot be done, which still, alas, leaves scope for an appeal to the European Court.

Greed, of course, is behind the application, which looks selfish to a degree. For without the Old Firm, what price Scottish football? Both teams draw huge crowds, and though for some time past they have been dominating Scottish soccer, there is always some slight hope that an Aberdeen or a Dundee United may spring up again. Plus the fact that both Rangers and Celtic have had some pretty dire results in recent times, even against some of the Scottish minnows.

Police, inevitably, would have something to say about either club being allowed into English football. The scope for violence is all too horrifyingly plain; nor, despite the fearsome reputation of both Glaswegian sets of fans, would it all come from across the border. The paranoid anti-English feeling that has grown up in Scotland over the years, exacerbated by the fact that the Scots now have their largely redundant and immensely expensive Assembly, has, alas, engendered anti-Scottish feeling among English hooligans.

When Queen's Park Rangers played Celtic at Shepherd's Bush in a pre-season friendly, which I watched, the Celtic fans truly made the occasion, turning up some 10,000 strong in their green and white hooped jerseys; while, irritatingly, the team wore their second strip. The behaviour of the Celtic fans was irreproachable. But after the match several of them, it was reported, were stabbed – and these were apparently quite innocent victims.

If you have as much respect and affection for Scottish soccer as I have, the last thing you want to see is the virtual collapse of their championship. But with Celtic, despite their cakewalk of a League victory, banking a mere £3million last season, where Manchester United accumulated some £20m, you can understand the pressures.

From a purely playing point of view, it is clear both clubs would improve their largely dismal showing in Europe of recent years were they only to face true, taxing opposition every week, instead of being able to take their foot off the accelerator in most of their games.

Time to end one country, one vote

YES, Sepp Blatter, that Houdini of administrators, got away with it at the recent FIFA Congress in Buenos Aires and, Havelange-like, even got a standing ovation from the buffoonish and sycophantic delegates. Not from the Europeans, though.

The figures the FIFA president produced to reassure Congress about the state of the governing body's finances were completely impossible to reconcile with those that had been bandied after the collapse of ISL, FIFA's marketing partner.

UEFA president Lennart Johansson, who couldn't attend the Buenos Aires Congress, had every right to deplore the fact that every single member of FIFA has just one vote, so that the tiniest, most marginal footballing country is, in that respect, as well off as Germany, England or Brazil.

Johansson insists that UEFA is not thinking of pulling out of FIFA, but there is surely a very good case for it to exert strong pressure on the world body to amend the farcical voting system.

Billy Liddell remembered

HOW sad to read that Liverpool's Billy Liddell, that peerless left-winger, so fast and direct and powerful, should have been suffering from Alzheimer's disease before he died. Would Arsenal have won the 1950 FA Cup Final if Alex Forbes hadn't fouled Liddell painfully early in the game? Liddell once told me he couldn't get his jacket on the next day.

Wing wizard...Billy Liddell

Brazil's decline – the signs were clear

BY THE time you read this, Brazil will have played Paraguay in what has come to be an absolutely vital World Cup eliminator. Win, lose or draw, the crisis in Brazilian football is all too horribly plain and I suppose it has been a long time coming – summed up perhaps by two unhappy incidents.

First, at the World Cup draw in vulgar Las Vegas (some choice with New York a possibility!) in late 1993. Pele was banished from the dais by the ineffable Joao Havelange because he had locked horns with the old lizard's ghastly son-in-law, Ricardo Teixeira, whom Pele was suing over a television deal in which he felt he had been done down.

Odd choice...Roque Junior was miscast in midfield

Then, in the 1998 World Cup Final in Paris. Ronaldo suffered a convulsive fit in his hotel early that afternoon. Initially, as we know, it was not he but Edmundo who was slated to lead the attack. But Ronaldo insisted on playing, the doctors told coach Mario Zagallo that he could, and so he did.

This was just about understandable, though as we also know, a Brazilian specialist said subsequently that Ronaldo could have been dicing with death. What was utterly baffling was the fact that Zagallo kept him on the field long after it was perfectly clear that the striker was wandering about in a daze. He stayed on for the full 90 minutes. Brazil lost 3-0. Nike protested their total innocence. Who could doubt it?

That there is something rotten in the state of Brazilian football is well known and it goes back a pretty long way. David Yallop's devastating book, *How They Stole The Game*, accuses Havelange of raiding the coffers of the Brazilian confederation to finance his own campaigns; not least that of unseating Sir Stanley Rous as FIFA president in 1974. Havelange has yet to contest the allegations or to pursue them in court.

More recently there has been the supposed scandal, allegedly involving Wanderley Luxemburgo – who denies it – of awarding caps to players in return for payment. Certain club presidents have behaved like feudal barons, doing more or less what they pleased. And the managership of the national team has turned into a long-running fiasco. Luxemburgo came and went, amid a welter of accusations, fiscal and otherwise. Results were poor, bar a 3-1 home win against Argentina.

Enter Emerson Leao, who was even less successful, he and his team suffering humiliation when they lost a World Cup match in Ecuador. Still, if they were going to sack Leao, which seemed inevitable, why wait until after the utterly meaningless Confederations Cup, to which he was obliged to take the skeleton of a team?

So to Big Phil Scolari, that bruiser among Brazilian managers, and what has he done? Promptly lost a World Cup game to Uruguay and then taken a depleted squad to the Copa America in Colombia. There, they lost not only to Mexico but to a Honduras team without several of their own first-choice players.

In Uruguay Big Phil ineptly used a central defender, Roque Junior, in central midfield. In Colombia he preferred the clumsy Guilherme to Mario Jardel on the grounds that he harried defenders!

Shades of Barcelona in 1982, when Brazil fielded the cumbersome Serginho. When he was substituted, Brazil's ex-manager Joao Saldanha remarked in the press box: "Now the ball is round again!"

Dazzling goal proves money isn't everything

COULD there have been a more heartening result and a more dazzling goal than we saw when Queen's Park Rangers, against all odds and expectations, beat Chelsea 3-1 in a pre-season friendly? Yes, QPR, newly relegated to the Second Division, a club still in administration, barred from spending any money on new players, doomed to sell many of those they have, such as the lanky blond centre-forward Peter Crouch, locally born, who showed so much promise last season.

The goal with which Leroy Griffiths, just acquired from Hampton and Richmond of the Ryman League, brought QPR level was a joy. Not merely because it was so spectacular, but because it showed, as did the final result, that money still isn't everything, despite the exponential rise in transfer fees and salaries.

Griffiths, out on the left, had the sublime temerity to nod the ball past one of the most famous defenders in the world, France's Marcel Desailly, leave him for dead, zoom in on goal and beat Dutch keeper Ed De Goey with a tremendous left-foot drive.

Griffiths as a youngster had a spell at Charlton. Now 24, he is one more player to prove that hope doesn't have to be abandoned because you happen to be rejected by major clubs as a teenager.

As for QPR, one must piously hope that the horrific idea of moving them out to near Heathrow is firmly knocked on the head. Shame on their owner, Chris Wright of Chrysalis, for even countenancing the idea, let alone giving pole position to the consortium that wants to make it happen.

After the victory against Chelsea, Ian Holloway, in his engaging Bristol burr, dismissed the idea with scorn. Who, he demanded, would want to go 20 miles to watch their team?

Well, certainly not the present support, which, as Holloway said, is largely local. QPR, with a couple of breaks down the road at the now built-up White City, have been playing at Shepherd's Bush since 1917. Why move now?

Taking his chance...Leroy Griffiths

From the archives...

September 1963

THE new season in Europe was raising the usual feelings of hope and excitement, with Glasgow and West Germany two particular hotspots. Rangers, featured on the cover during their defeat of Celtic in the 1963 Scottish Cup Final, were relishing the prospect of a visit from Real Madrid in the European Cup later that year.

Writer John Stone said that the fans were now considering "the possibility of Rangers eliminating Real and possibly going on, for the first time ever, to a Final".

It was not to be. A 1-0 defeat at home was followed by a 6-0 drubbing in Madrid, and it was back to the drawing board at Ibrox.

In West Germany there was optimism about the first season of the Bundesliga, with Eric Batty suggesting the new national league could offer a major boost to the domestic game, both financially and in terms of playing standards. The increased gate receipts generated by the regular meetings of the country's top sides would, Batty argued, allow clubs financial security and enable them to train and pay their players as professionals. This in turn could have a beneficial effect on players' performances.

On the other hand, he countered, the players could "simply accept their extra money while retaining their old part-timers' approach to the game".

As well as looking ahead, the September issue was, of course, concerned with reviewing the events of the summer. And it had not been a good one, professionally speaking, for British referee Jim Finney, who had officiated at the 1962 FA Cup Final. Finney had spent June refereeing at the New York International tournament, which he felt had been marred by the poor standard of the other officials.

Finney declared that "most were 80 per cent unfit and seldom knew enough about the rules of the game to officiate properly". Another criticism was that they turned up for games wearing "striped shirts, multi-coloured socks and dark glasses".

"When I asked a linesman to remove his glasses, he said he always wore them, even when refereeing, and added that he could not see without them," Finney commented.

The volatile crowds were also a problem during the tournament, with Finney forced at one stage to summon the police.

The constabulary had been on call in Italy, too, as the caption to an end-of-season photo explained: "When Inter Milan clinched the Italian title, a fan ran on to the field to demand a souvenir from hero Mazzola, who gave up his shirt. Unfortunately, the police then intervened."

West Germany takes the national viewpoint

Bundesliga could lead to bonanza

but it will be very tough at the league top

Report on Borussia Dortmund and their victory over Koln,

by ERIC BATTY

THE 1963-64 campaign marks the beginning of a new era in German football, with the coming of the Bundesliga, sixteen clubs strong and hailed as the blue-print that will save the game in West Germany from drowning itself in mediocrity. That the game will receive a shot in the arm is probably true, but in one way it's a pity that we will not see another "endspiel" for the Germans aren't keen on their Cup competition and the only game capable of arousing a Wembley-like atmosphere has been the annual play-off for the league championship.

To date the competition has been split into five regional leagues, those in the North, South, West and South-West having sixteen clubs each, while in West Berlin there were another ten clubs playing out a league of their own in isolation, and totaling only their champions to take part in the final pool. This year the line-up was much as expected — 1st FC Koln and Borussia Dortmund (West), Hamburg SV and Werder Bremen (North); 1860 Munchen and 1st FC Nurnberg (South); 1st FC Kaiserslautern and Borussia Neunkirchen from the South West, and Hertha BSC representing Berlin.

There were only two surprises among the qualifiers, 1860 ousting Eintracht Frankfurt who were nevertheless nominated for the Bundesliga, and 1st FC Kaiserslautern winning the South Western title for the first time since the Fritz Walter-EM fuded with their ageing team.

The stage was set with the customary eliminator, this time between the runners-up from the North and South — Nurnberg beating Werder Bremen 2-1 in Ludwigshafen (neutral ground) before a crowd of 25,000 — and the winners of the two other regions, Kaiserslautern and Borussia Neunkirchen, the latter having beaten Hertha BSC in Berlin.

Nurnberg, the runners-up, finished second in the other group after beating Hamburg SV 3-0 at home and drawing away, beating 1860 at home and coming back from Dortmund (the eventual champions) with a point.

Had they beaten Borussia Dortmund at home (instead of losing 5-2, Neunkirchen would have headed their group; not 1st FC Koln is the final and almost certainly were themselves a belated place in the Bundesliga — while Kaiserslautern came nowhere. Hamburg SV were another failure, largely it seems due to the decline of their once major young spearhead Uwe Seeler. Living well now (at a salaemia of football bonus) Seeler is no longer hungry, and he appears to lack the drive and energy that once made him stand out. When Seeler flopped in did 1959, and though they won on the ligs Nord Ehrer [illegible] same he wondering doubtedly wrs, wheel is good enough for [illegible]

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1st FC Kaiserslau final between 1948 an (wins) checks largely t the poor relations of only a little town to c looks as if their great di and they are my Sp relegated from the new they finished bottom of [illegible] were those days, the only time in the endrunde without a single win. The danger was most clearly seen when from home where they lost 0-3, 1-5 and 2-0 — the biggest defeat being at Koln, where Kaiserslautern led 2-0 early on!

Overall the Western League came off best, with 1st FC Koln unbeaten in Group I while Borussia Dortmund topped Group II, by a close margin.

Group I	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1st FC Koln	6	5	1	0	21	7	11
Wuppertaler SV	6	3	1	2	12	11	7
Preussen Munster	6	3	1	2	11	11	7
Fortuna Kaiserslautern	6	1	1	4	7	12	3
Group II							
Borussia Dortmund	6	4	1	1	21	5	9
Meiderich 1848	6	3	1	2	16	11	7
Rot-Weiss Essen	6	3	1	2	10	12	7
Hamburg SV	6	1	1	4	7	21	3

With both finalists coming from the West, the Neckarstadion at Stuttgart was perhaps a strange choice for the endspiel but there was no shortage of support for either team. By train and coach, thousands made their way south with flags, banners and the by now customary gear for making noises. Rattles I didn't see but horns were very popular, and the most unusual "instrument" was a huge cow-bell.

A word of consolation, too, for those of the millions who stand each week in rain and snow and have never yet seen a ticket for the Cup Final — your German counterparts are no better off, for when it comes to the "endspiel" the Fussball Bund guards its tickets as well as the F.A. does for the big Wembley event, slipping them out to chosen officials in all parts of the country and allocating only around fifteen per cent to the real fans.

Koln were naturally the favourites, reigning champions, winners of the Western League and unbeaten in the endrunde they had scored twenty-nine goals in six matches — nine of them taken by centre-forward Christian Müller who was, however, missing from the final line-up. On top of all this, Koln had already beaten Borussia twice in league matches 5-2 and 3-1, and with seven full internationals in their team it looked a certainty for them.

In Dortmund's mess there were only three full caps, the inside trio Schmidt, Schütz and Kwiatkowski but Saxon only seen in the endrunde, 3-2 by 1860 Munchen they made up for their technical deficiencies with an abundance of energy and enthusiasm.

For FC Koln: Ewert; Pott, Schnellinger; Benthaus, Wilden, Sturm; Thielen, Schafer, Regh, Ripkens, Hornig.

Borussia Dortmund: Wessel; Burgsmüller, Geisler; Boeder, Paul, Kurrat; Wosch, Reinz and Ferbach-Met [illegible] only a large slice of [illegible] Koln from defeat, and didn't get it. It would have been an injustice if they had. Still Koln put their faith in [illegible] long ball, but with stopper Paul certain to end the danger away, and behind Wessel still in superb form it was hopeless.

After sixty-five minutes Koln praised Dortmund with another gift — this one in being the clinchers. Right-half Benthaus, presuming youngest, but a badly judged [illegible] ensure for outside-left Horning, that we straight to the temporarily withdrawn centre-forward Schutz. Inside-right Schmidt, who measured his pass to the last centimetre, to send Schmidt away on his own.

Ewert could again be lauded for hesitating before coming out, and with the entire Koln defence strung out behind Schmidt made no mistake. Judging his moment nicely he dipped his shot inside the far post just as the keeper made a belated effort to challenge him.

Apparently nervous, Ewert was largely responsible for all three goals, and after the third had found its mark he spent the next few minutes disconsolately studying one of his goalposts — apparently looking for splinters but no doubt wondering who he would be playing for next season.

Before the end Schnellinger got a goal he hardly deserved when Paul made his one mistake. Moving to clear as Wessel raided to leave it, the stopper attempted to check his kick but got a touch that simply popped the ball straight at Schnellinger's foot. Wessel, out of position, had no chance, and Schnellinger walked the ball into goal.

Champions for the third time in post-war football (a new record), Borussia Dortmund were good value for their 3-1 win. As the end the players carried off their trainer, Hermann Eppenhof, shoulder high, and if he really planned the game as it worked out he certainly earned the tributes.

Little wing-half Kurrat set on Schafer most effectively, while the whole team drew every ball they got, down the middle — long. Every man got "stuck in", slinging the ball around and chasing over the no-chance passes in a manner that would have had Stan Cullis's heart overflowing with joy.

Dortmund's football wasn't really impressive, but their spirit was — typified by right-back Wilhelm Burgsmueller who cut his head with forty minutes left but refused to go off. When it was all over, he pulled off his blood-stained bandage after receiving the championship medal and with blood still oozing down his face, stayed for the traditional lap of honour.

For the new season West German football has been reorganised with the first ever national league (Bundesliga). With sixteen

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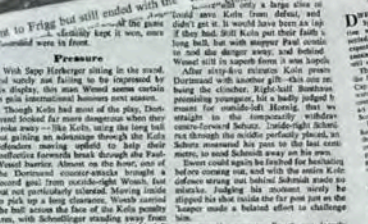
When Inter-Milan clinched the Italian title earlier this year, a fan ran on the field to demand a personal souvenir from hero Mazzola who gave up his shirt. Unfortunately the police then intervened. (Keystone.)



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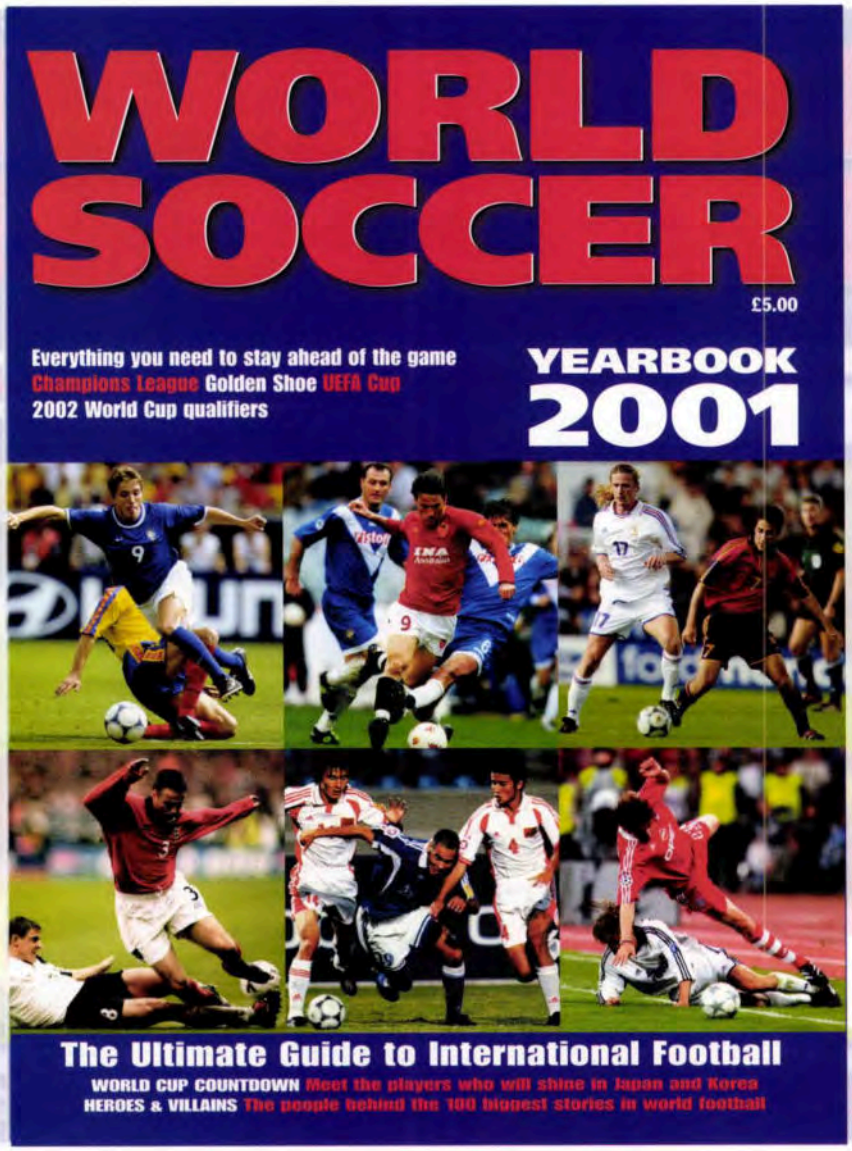

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